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# Outrage at 'fat cat' lottery pay rises



I used to dream about winning ...
now I fantasise about working for them"

JON ASHWORTH AND POLLY NEWTON

THE Camelot chairman has been summoned by the Government to explain why his executives have been given enormous pay rises when National Lottery ticket sales

are sliding.
Tony Blair and Chris Smith, the National Heritage Secretary, were said to be outraged by reports that pay and bonuses for Camelot's ten executives rose by nearly 40 per cent to £2.3 million last year. At the same time, ticket sales dropped by 10 per cent and awards to good causes fell

Mr Smith has called Sir George Russell to give an account of the

Directors' pay soars as awards to good causes fall

described as unacceptable. He is expected to warn Sir George that he risks losing public support for the Lottery — and therefore revenue by such behaviour.

The Government intends to reform the Lottery with a Bill making it a non-profit-making enterprise, and Labour politicians believe that Camelot's slim hopes of having its licence renewed in 2001 have all but disappeared. But no action can be taken against the company unless it is in breach of its licence, and there is no suggestion that the pay awards

amount to that. Camelot is allowed to take 1 per cent of the Lottery proceeds as profit, and the pay rises come out of that. The amount paid to good causes is also laid down in the licence and the decrease there is the result of the declining ticket sales - mostly scratchcards.

But while the pay awards were quite legal, the leaking of a report showing that the sales director's income almost doubled to £330,000 and the chief executive enjoyed a 53 per cent rise to £590,000 will embarrass Camelot and renew criticism of "fat cat" salaries.

A Downing Street spokesman said: "The Prime Minister attaches the highest priority to reform of the Lottery. If these reports are true, his reaction is the same as that of the millions of people who buy Lottery tickets up and down the country one of outrage."

Mr Smith said: "To be successful the Lottery needs the people's support. That is why I have started an urgent review. It is the people's should work in their interests."

money and I am determined that it Camelot confirmed the unaudited figures reported in Marketing

Week, but said that they were high because they included the first partpayment of long-term bonuses based on the previous year's results when sales were better.

The bonuse scheme rewards executives if they hit performance tarets and could reach 140 per cent of their base salary. Joanna Manning-Cooper, the company spokesman, said: "The scheme recognises the successful launch of the lottery and the first three years of operation. All payment to directors comes out of Camelot's costs and it doesn't mean less money to the Government or

the good causes. The total paid to good causes was £1.27 billion, £2.38 billion went in prizes and Camelot profits were £46.8 million after tax.

The Lottery regulator, Oflot, said: "How they deal with their profits is a matter for them. It was a competitive contract and they came up with the best deal for the good causes and they kept the least for

themselves.' Camelot is allowed to keep 5 per cent of Lottery proceeds - 4 per cent to cover operating costs and I per cent profit. The rest is split between prizes (50 per cent), good causes (28 per cent), tax (12 per cent) and retailers' commission (5 per cent).

> Lottery winners, page 2 Wednesday draw, page 24

### **Nervous** French markets plummet

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

FRENCH stocks plunged yesterday on rumours that opinion polls commissioned by banks are showing the Left poised to win France's knifeedge parliamentary elections on Sunday and usher in a new era of power-sharing.
At his last Cabinet meeting

before the second-round ballot, conservative President Jacques Chirac said that a change of political direction would plunge the country into "confusion and weakness".

stave off a socialist victory after a disastrous first-round result for the centre-right coalition, M Chirac has himself emerged as a critically weakened figure.

The mood of Cabinet ministers emerging from the meeting ranged from defiant to defeatist. "We won't leave France to those who would throw it back into the past," Jacques Toubon, the Justice Minister, said angrily.

Well, I've lived through two pleasant years in a Cabinet that did good work but clearly was not popular," said Guy Drut, the Sports Minister with the look of a man who knows when a race is lost.

The stock market clearly felt

the same, as word spread that opinion polls to appear outside France which cannot be published under French electoral law, were predicting a convincing left-wing victory. The CAC-40 share index fell

4.4 per cent, even further that the 3.9 per cent drop on Monday, the steepest for four years. The index later regained some ground, to close 3.65 per cent down.

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By DAMIAN WHITWORTH

DIANA, Princess of Wales, laughs

### Princess takes steps to promote ballet

with an enormous flock of "swans" English National Ballet, which she maintained as one of her few charitafrom her beloved English National Ballet yesterday, during a visit to rehearsals at the Royal Albert Hall ble commitments when she scaled for the largest production of Swan Lake in Britain. Later, the Princess down her public life after her divorce. and she was clearly at ease with the ballerinas. The Princess will attend a spoke of her desire to see ballet gala performance, in the round, on Tuesday and she said she hoped this The Princess is patron of the

would be the start of a new era for

ballet. They've done it for opera, so why not ballet?" she told The Times. "This season represents a wonderful opportunity for English National Ballet to reach new, larger and enthusiastic audiences. This is a new and exciting

chapter for a company which already

has a stunning past.
"I do hope that this season will mark the beginning of a renewed relationship between the Royal Albert Hall and English National Ballet, which will last well into the next millennium."

The Princess chatted with the 65 swans, more than twice the normal number, who will dance in the production. As they posed for photo-graphs, she said she was embarrassed that they were all kneeling at her feet. "Get on with it," she teased the photographers as the dancers

held her pose and she her smile. She said she had once wished to be a ballerina but had grown too tall. "I rather overshot the mark," she said.

She began globe-trotting soon after

she qualified as a pharmacist almost

50 years ago, taking a job in Zanzibar. After that she travelled in Africa.

Australia and New Zealand, where

### Bob Dylan 'critical' after heart attack

The singer Bob Dylan, 56, is critically ill in intensive care after a heart attack and his forthcoming tour of Britian has been cancelled.

nounced by the tour promoters but they would not say where he is. Dylan has homes in New York, Malibu and Minnesota.

Born Robert Zimmerman in 1941. Dylan took his name from Dylan Thomas. He was the musical voice of the Vietnam protest era and became a born-again Christian in 1979. His songs include Blowin' in the Wind, Mr Tambourine Man and Maggie's

### Clinton plan for jobs aid

International measures to create jobs by cutting back on red tape and moving people off welfare into work are expected to be agreed by Tony Blair and President Clinton today as they meet to cement a stronger Anglo-American relationship. The high-light of Mr Clinton's visit to Briatin will probably be his televised address to the Cabinet ....

### Moët threat to Guinness

The French Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton group threatened to force Guinness out of all joint-venture arrangements between the two companies. in a move that could derail the £23 billion planned merger between Guinness and Grand Metropolitan. Moet holds a 14.2 per cent stake in Guinness Page 25

### Girl's killer

The father of Katerina Koneva, the murdered refugee schoolgirl, has told of how he came face to face with her escaping killer and stared into his "emotionless eyes".....Page 3

### Wise old heads open up a record lead in TV quiz youth and lots of travelling". By Paul Wilkinson



brought to a wider audience.

Ida Staples: quick

A TEAM of part-time undergraduates including a 72-year-old widow has trounced a side of medical students to win a place in the final of University

Afterwards Ida Staples and the rest of her victorious Open University side went out clubbing with the humbled trainee doctors to celebrate setting a record score in the long running TV

Mike Smith, the losers' 20-year-old

captain. said: "It was just such a relief at the end when it was all over, then we got horrendously drunk. The Open University bunch were so outgoing."
In beating the Charing Cross and
Westminster Medical School by 415 points to 65, the "amateurs" from the OU not only made a record score, but also won by the greatest margin in any

The tally in the semi-final shown on BBC2 last night eclipsed the OU's own record 395-85 victory last January over

of the contest's 700 rounds over the last

University College, Swansea. Mrs Staples, a retired pharmacist from Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, wasw the star of the OU team with her alacrity on the buzzer last night. She took her first OU degree in Arts after the death of her husband in 1988, and is now studying for a BSc in Earth Sciences.

The programme was pre-recorded and vesterday the twice-married Mrs Staples was in India. But after the previous record-breaking victory, she put her success down to "a solitary

she met her first husband. When they separated, she lived in Fiji before returning to Britain where she met her second husband. His dying words to her were: "Have lots of holidays and Continued on page 2, col 1

join the Open University." The OU team is led by Harriet

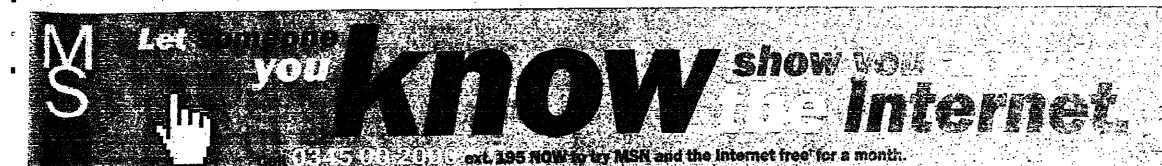
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# Ulster and jobs dominate Tony and Bill show

Philip Webster reports on how the Clintons' mix of business and pleasure may enhance the 'special relationship'

INTERNATIONAL measures to create jobs by cutting back on red tape and moving people off welfare into work are expected to be agreed by Tony Blair and President Clinton today as they meet to cement a stronger Anglo-American relationship.

Dropping in exactly a month after Mr Blair's spectacular election victory, the Clintons are planning to com-bine some serious talking with some serious tourism on a visit that has already been extended twice at the President's request. They will now

Britain. Some of their plans 11.30am. Mrs Blair, meanare being kept secret for security reasons but by last night the broad outlines of what one official called the Tony and Bill and Hillary and Cherie show" were

The highlight for Mr Clinton will probably be his televised address to the Cabinet. an honour only very rarely accorded to visiting statesmen, soon after he arrives in

be spending most of the day in Downing Street just after while, will swiftly whisk Mrs Clinton next door to Number 11 for lunch before they go off together to the Globe Theatre for the afternoon performance of Henry V.

Mr Clinton will have extensive talks with Mr Blair in Number 10's White Room. where the Prime Minister hosted Baroness Thatcher only last week, before they are joined by officials for lunch.

Then Mr Blair and Mr Clinton will stage a joint press conference in the Downing Street rose garden, before going off for more socialising and some possible visits by Mr Clinton to "old haunts".

British officials said yesterday that top of the agenda would be jobs - Mr Blair has long been interested in Mr Clinton's ideas on job creation - and they are likely to agree a joint approach to tackle world unemployment to be put to the world economic G7 summit in Denver next

Mr Clinton hoped that Mr Blair's victory would lead to movement in the Northern Ireland peace process. Today Mr Blair will ask Mr Clinton to use his influence both to call on Sinn Fein/IRA to introduce a new ceasefire and to warn them that the talks process will proceed without them if they do not. Mr Clinton will emphasise that he wants Britain to take a strong role in the European Union, stressing that he has never seen the so called "special relationship" as meaning that Britain had to choose between the United

States and Europe. But it is clear that their main objective is to use their personal and political closeness to build an even more productive relationship between the two countries. The political ties are strong; the personal chemistry is good." Mr Clinton had

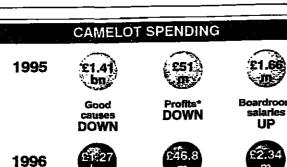
originally planned a short stopover. But plans were changed for the second time after Mr Clinton spoke to Mr Blair in Paris on Tuesday as they signed a defence treaty. and expressed a wish to spend

longer talking alone with him. They will be on first name terms, having got to know each other when Mr Blair went to Washington in April last year. The address to the Cabinet is intended to symbolise the bonds between

the two countries and the importance Mr Blair attaches to their relationship.

Aides said Mr Blair was determined to use the keen interest that Labour's big win had aroused in the United States and elsewhere to raise Britain's standing in the world. "He is well aware that the honeymoon will not last forever, but while it does he is determined to use it for Britain's advantage," one said.

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# **Directors** were always on a winner with lottery

CAMELOTS directors were taking a leap in the dark when they signed up with the lottery consortium — but perhaps they could smell a winner. With the National Lottery heading in its third year, the avalanche of pay and bonuses appears to be unstoppable.

The key Camelot players were enticed from their regular jobs by lucrative packages. Tim Holley, the £590,000-ayear chief executive, began his career as a trainee at Barclays Bank in London, and later switched to computers, spending 15 years with ICL which makes lottery terminals and cash registers. In 1982 he

wide, before his assignment to the Camelot team.

Mr Holley, 56, spent months preparing Camelot's lottery application, and faced right deadlines ahead of the lottery's launch in November 1994. Recently he has been touring Camelot's regional offices, reassuring staff about their jobs. Mr Holley lives in a £2.5 million Georgian mansion in Richmond, southwest

London. David Rigg, director of communications at Camelot, worked hand-in-glove with Mr Holley in the run-up to the lottery launch. Educated at Millfield in the sixties, Mr heading data communications University, then "bummed



The men who won the lottery, from left: Tim Holley, Sir George Russell, David Rigg and Peter Murphy

running discotheques and working on a pig farm in

In 1974, he joined De La Rue, maker of bank notes and lottery tickets, and did a stint in Hong Kong, flying to remote corners of the Pacific in the pursuit of business. Dangerous encounters - he was shot at in Ethiopia, and briefly imprisoned during a visit to Libya — led to De La Rue's head office, where, in 1989, he took on the role of director of commercial development.

chain-smoking bon vivant, Mr Rigg, 49, spent 32 years assembling the Camelot players for their assault on the Racal Electronics. Rigg read law at London lucrative National Lottery licence. Highly-experienced in and network services world- around for a couple of years, dealing with the media and American company that pro- risks were minimal.

lobbying politicians — he has become Camelot's television

rewarded, is Peter Murphy, 40. Carnelot's tennis-playing finance director. A former accountant with Price Waterhouse — an experience he shares with Peter Davis, the lottery regulator - Mr Murphy was finance director of De La Rue's biggest division, making him a natural choice when Mr Rigg was assembling the Camelot team. He lives in a mock-Tudor mansion in Buckinghamshire.

David Clark, 57, director of operations, ran Loto-Quebec Canada for six years, before career on making it work." signing up with GTech, the Some would argue that the

The combined age of the

Charing Cross team, all in

their second year, was just 79,

slightly more than Mrs

Staples. Mike Smith said: "We knew

they were superior, the youn-

gest player was double my

age. They were older and

wiser, but we didn't think it

Mr Smith, from Worthing.

West Sussex, a former pupil at

Christ's Hospital in Horsham, Surrey, added: "We didn't

really expect to get that far in

the quiz. We gut together

originally around a quiz

חסרmally enter."

was going to be that bad."

vides the technical muscle behind the National Lottery. Sir George Russell, the Camelot chairman, joined the team in April 1995, succeeding Sir Ron Dearing, who led Camelot to its licence bid

Headhunters say that Mr Holley and his colleagues are not highly paid in relation to other industries. Peter Breen. a partner in Heidrick & Struggles, a leading executive search firm, said the performance-related packages reflect the risks in taking on the job, adding: "With a brandnew business, it takes a fairly brave soul who will bet his



Clark: director of operations

### Staff moves upset Whitehall chief

By Polly Newton, political reporter

recruitment watchdog cautioned the Government yesterday against making further political appointments to Whitehall. Sir Michael Bett, who is responsible for ensuring that senior Government staff are selected following "fair and open competition", was not openly critical of moves made so far by Labour to place political staff in Civil

Service jobs.

But the Civil Service Commissioner said he would be "concerned" if Britain moved towards an American system in which a large number of senior civil servants were replaced every time there was a new Government, "It would be a constitutional departure from what we have roday. It may be that that is a constitutional departure that the Government and Parliament want, but I think if they do it should be done openly."

His comments, as he published his annual report into recruitment in Whitehall, follow a change in the regula-tions since the election to allow

THE head of the Civil Service the appointment of up to three recruitment watchdog cau-political staff to Civil Service positions in the Prime Minister's office. The change was requested by the Government and allowed by the Privy Council on May 3, at a meeting over which the Queen presided and which was attended by four ministers. It was not put before MPs. Appointments made so far under the new rules include Alastair Campbell as Chief Press Secretary and Jonathan Powell as Private Secretary to

the Prime Minister. Asked if he had been consulted about the so-called Order in Council which amended the rules, Sir Michael said: "I was involved in the discussion of it." He said he would be "very concerned" if the number of political ap-pointees were just being drafted in. That would be a direct breach of the principle i am here to uphold."

Two weeks ago, the Conservative Chief Whip, Alastair Goodlad, complained about the "increasing politicisation" of the Civil Service.

### Clarke promises new look for Tory party

Kenneth Clarke last night promised root-and-branch reform of the Tory machine within six months if he is chosen next month to be Tory leader, and to hold another leadership election involving party members.

Mr Clarke said he wanted to involve members in

building a new Conservatism for the next century. He also promised tough and effective Opposition, which he said was crucial to a Tory electoral comeback. You have to land punches and land them hard," he told the Inns of Court Conservative Association.

John Redwood, one of Mr Clarke's five rivals in the leadership contest, said yesterday that he was not a candidate of the Right, but was running a "mainstream" campaign based on "traditional Conservative values". Speaking at a press conference in London. Mr Redwood said he was "fed up with all this Right/Left stuff. We want to run the Conservative Party as a whole in the interests of the wider electorate."

### Smuggler flying home

A Briton jailed in Thailand for smuggling heroin is to be returned the UK next week to serve the rest of her sentence. Sandra Gregory, 31, a former teacher from Sowerby Bridge, near Halifax in west Yorkshire, has served 412 years of a 22-year sentence, and will be eligible for parole in eight years under British prison rules. Three men in Thailand jails are also being transferred under an agreement which allows for the transfer of prisoners on

### Film cash refund

A British film-maker is to repay a grant of £980,000 to National Lottery funds, after the success of the film it helped to finance. The £2.5 million Shooting Fish, starring Kate Beckinsale, won acclaim at Cannes and is to be screened on the Continent and in America after Fox bought the distribution rights. Gary Smith, 40, from Birmingham, who left his job as a City accountant and remortgaged his home to set up Winchester Films, said: "We are the first British movie to fully repay lottery money."

### Relate sets up helpline

Relate, is to offer marriage guidance counselling by telephone. The national service will begin on Monday and run every weekday from 9.30am to 1pm. The number is 0870 6012121. A spokeswoman said it wanted to help people who found it hard to come to a Relate centre and pilot studies had led it to anticipate being inundated with calls. "We want to make it possible for people to find help whenever they come to a rubbing point in a relationship, not only when they have already hit a major crisis."

### Loch Lomond 'at risk'

Environmentalists said that the beauty of Loch Lomond, Britain's largest expanse of fresh water, would be irretrievably damaged if the area was not made into a National Park. More than 20 environmental agencies, including the World Wide Fund for Nature, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and the Ramblers Association, called on the Government to create National Parks in Scotland here Government to create National Parks in Scotland because of "growing alarm at the continuing decline of Scotland's finest landscape".

### Teenage drink warning

Two brands of alcohol aimed at teenagers are criticised by the drink's industry watchdog, the Portman Group, for breaking its code of practice by appealing to the under-18s; Bliss, considered likely to appeal to girls who read a magazine with the same name; and Totpak, alcoholic sachets containing neat spirits which are easy to hide. Bullshit beer, Squeal (a perry fruit mix), Scream'n Beaver beer and Kinky cider have been referred to an independent complaints panel.

### Eric makes his mark

The former Manchester United footballer Eric Canton: has applied to register his name and the phrases "Ooh Aah Cantona" and "Cantona 7" as commercial trademarks. If successful, Cantona will be able to prevent anyone else selters of the magazines of posters featuring his name. The patents office in Newport. Gwent has received the three applications, covering mainly clothing and stationery. Cantona has also applied for an EU trademark covering films. videos, teatowels and soft drinks.

### OU team quick off their buzzers Continued from page 1 Courtney. from Cheltenham. correctly answered four start-THE WINNING ANSWERS er questions and five bonuses.

Gloucestershire, a computer program analyst. The others are Martin Heighway, a 33vear old science teacher, from Powys, who is taking an MA in Education Studies, and Peter Bissett of Glasgow, who is reading a BA in Arts. Mrs Courtney said: "Our

victory was down to close teamwork and the combined breadth of knowledge of the "I just felt sorry for the others, but they took it all very

well. It was not age or experience that won, it was quickness on the buzzer and a great memory. Her husband Richard, himself an Open University graduate in Material Sciences, said: "We have a lot of fan

mail. Even Betty Boothroyd has sent my wife fan mail." Mrs Courtney began reading Earth Sciences six years agn. She has two grown up

children. Alex and Manhew. Her husband, who is vice president of the British Association of Colliery Management and a Methodist preacher. said: "The Charing Cross team were no dunces by any stretch of the imagination. They are all very intelligent men and took what happened

Questions successfully answered by the Open University 1. Which family of 16th and 17th-century Dutch artists

included Pieter the Elder? Brueghel. 2. Which constituent republic of the former Yugoslavia. known in Serbo-Croat as Crna Gora, the Black Mountain, is better known by its Venetian-Italian name meaning the same thing? Monte Negro.

3. Which British conservation body has as its symbol a branch of four oak leaves? The National Trust. Both sides failed to answer the question: The 4th-century BC Greek Xenophon wrote the treatise Peri Hippikes, parts of which are still valid today, and is the first known

exposition on which subject? Horsemanship.
The Charing Cross and Westminster Medical School wrongly identified Billie Holiday as the artiste singing Let's Face The Music And Dance in a music starter. The OU correctly answered Ella Fitzgerald.

The medics correctly answered: What are the three processes by which energy may be transferred from one body to another. Conduction, convection and radiation.

Peter Quinn, the producer for Granada TV, the programme's makers, said: "It must be remembered that Charing Cross are medical students, studying in a narrow field; the Open University come from a wide band of experiences and learning.

with good grace." But it was more than 10 minutes into the game - when the OU were already 110 points ahead before the medics got to the buzzer first, appropriately on a medical question.

They sparked huge cheers when they correctly answered

"virulence" to the starter ones tion: "What word describes the power of a bacteria or virus to cause disease and can be measured by how many people are infected, how

quickly it spreads and how many people die from it?"

of Blackburn, Lancashire, who went to the town's sixth By the final gong they had

### machine in a bar, we're a very different team to those that Mr Smith's team mates were Esson Adobah. 20. of Erith, Kent. who went to Bexley Heath Grammar, James Foxlee, 20, of Reigate. Surrey, who went to Reigate

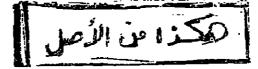
form college.
The OU team's victory means a place in the final against Magdalen College, Oxford, next week. The pro-gramme has already been recorded, but the result is a

Grammar and Ajay Ojha. 19.

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When you saw Katrina's face, it was like that of an angel ... for her, the world was there to love'

# Father tells of encounter with girl's cold killer

By Stewart Tendler Crime correspondent

THE father of Katerina Koneva, the murdered refugee schoolgirl, yesterday told how he came face to face with her escaping killer and staring into his emotionless

Katerina, 12, described by her father. Trajce Konev, as an angel, was found strangled at her home in Hammersmith. west London, last week after he disturbed an

He chased the man and returned to find her dying. The family had fled from Macedonia, formerly part of Yugoslavia, four years ago to make a new home in Britain. Mr Konev, 41. struggling

with his grief and speaking in broken English, described how he confronted the stocky, balding intruder as he leapt from a window of the firstfloor flat. "He was crouched down. I saw him face on face, face on face.

"I said, "What are you doing here? He was so calm, so cool, I can't believe it. His eyes didn't move, he was just looking at me, then he ran off

down the street." Mr Konev told a press conference that the murderer 'is not a man, it's a monster without feelings. Animals don't kill like that, without

Mr Konev, who is studying



Katrina Koneva: "with friends, she was so kind"

English, said he last saw his him. daughter alive and well as he put her on a bus to school on the morning of her

He said: "It was just a usual morning. She just smiled, When you saw her face, she told you everything. You don't need to listen to words from an

That afternoon, Mr Konev came home to find that the door to the living room was

-At first he thought Katerina

saw him face on face, face on face. I said, What are you doing here?"
"He was so calm, so cool, I

can't believe it. His eyes didn't move, he was just looking at me, then he ran off down the

The man, who was of Medi-terranean appearance, had a splash of blood on his

Mr Konev grabbed him but he produced a knife. "I thought he was going to kill me. I turned a little and he Despite a further chase, Mr

Konev eventually lost his prey, who escaped the area by hijacking a Fiat Uno and ejecting the two women occupants at knifepoint.

turned to his flat that Mr Konev discovered his dying daughter. Katerina was pronounced dead at hospital

Kensington police station yesterday, Mr Konev cradled his weeping 31-year-old wife Zakalina to his chest and held her hand.

The couple have a son, Kristian, aged six. Mr Konev said that his daughter came top at school in everything she did, from mathematics and music to sport. "With friends, she was so kind. All her



Trajce and Zakalina Konev yesterday: they fled to Britain to escape the dangers of the former Yugoslavia

the world was there to

Detective Superintendent Ken Woodward, who is leading the murder hunt, said there was no sign of forced entry or of any sexual or

Police have issued an E-fit computerised likeness of the killer, who is described as aged 45-50, about 5ft 5in and stockily built. He was balding

On the day of the killing he wore a light-coloured jacket. an open-necked shirt, dark trousers and dark shoes. He carried a black canvas-type

Mr Konev appealed: "At the

inform the police, tell some-body. We don't know how many children he could kill."

☐ Anyone with information is asked to contact the murder

### mob forces students to flee hostel

By A STAFF REPORTER

A SCOTTISH university has had to evacuate a hall of residence after a mob armed with baseball bats and knives

laid siege for four nights. The men, aged between 16 and 30, broke into the hall and smashed furniture and windows and attacked students. Every window was broken and the 70 students have been moved out. Students at Hill-side halls of residence in Menzieshill, Dundee, set off fire alarms to alert emergency services, which were also stoned when they arrived.

The riot is the latest in a series of attacks by local youths on students in Dundee. Trouble began when two youths were refused entry to a party. They returned with a gang and began pelting

Events came to a head on Saturday when a gang attacked the building and broke in. Andy Jackson, the Students' Association president, said: "There has always been intimidation by youths and it was not uncommon for windows to be broken but things have gone completely mad. We have girls in tears, too scared to even go back to their rooms for their belongings."

Police have stepped up patrols to make sure students at the neighbouring Dalrymple Hall are not targeted. The University of Abertay Dundee joint owners of the prop-erty with the University of Dundee, said: "We are very disappointed over recent events and we take them verv seriously. It is very important that our students are left to study and go about their

### Baseball bat Actor halts play to limit exposure of Nicole au naturel

FOR the actor Christopher Cazenove it was simply a matter of playing the hero to his co-star's damsel in distress - even if it meant stopping the show.

needed defending was Estelle Skornik, perhaps best known as Nicole from the Renault Clio television advertisements. In Home Truths, which opened at the Theatre Royal in Newcastle on Tuesday night, she was required to take her clothes off. Unfortynately this act attracted the attentions of those one would not normally expect to find at

the theatre. In the front row, undetected by security staff but with a suspiciously bulging anorak, was a freelance photographer. As Ms Skornik's garments were removed, several flashguns went off. The intrusion during such a sensitive scene was too much for Mr Cazenove, an Old Etonian

and a former star of Dynasty. He turned to the audience and announced: "Ladies and gentlemen, please stop that." One photographer refused to comply and after finishing his film bolted towards the exit. "Stop that person," bellowed Mr Cazenove. Several men leapt from their seats but the stocky photographer burst through, evaded security men and fled down the street.

through the door: "Katerina, Katerina, open the door. No-

body answered. She likes to

He shouted through the door

for her to open it but there was

no reply. Growing alarmed,

he looked through the keyhole.

He saw Katerina's schoolbag

on the sofa and glimpsed a

Realising that there was an

intruder in the flat, Mr Konev

ran back into the street and

play with me."

man's black shoes.

After the commotion died down, Mr Cazenove thanked the audience and carried on. Outside, a lengthy pursuit led to the apprehension of the photographer. He was made to hand over his film and Mr Cazenove reported this to loud applause after the interval. However, a grainy photograph appeared in The Sun

A spokesman for the theatre said: "The actors are a little upset. It's a very disturbing thing to happen in a piece that's so poignant."



Christopher Cazenove leapt to the defence of Ms Skornik when flashguns disrupted a nude scene

# Chef must serve time after wedding treat turned sour

By LIN JENKINS

IT WAS a perfect wedding reception. The sun shone as 300 guests dined in a poolside marquee at the country home of the groom, a property developer. The chef was a childhood friend who worked unpaid as a wedding gift.

The guests enjoyed them-selves into the night, dancing to a live jazz band. Within hours the groom, Neil Morgan, 35, was on a transatiantic flight to his honeymoon in the Bahamas with his bride, Fiona, when he suddenly doubled up in pain. In Britain. three-quarters of the guests were struck down with stornach cramps, diarrhoea and vomiting. Six were so ill with salmonella poisoning that they were admitted to

Yesterday the chef, Alain Baxter, 33, was jailed for four months for breaching the evidently it

Food Safety Act in his celebra-tory meal for his old friend. Tunbridge Wells magistrates had been told that as temperatures reached 85F, food had been left standing in dishes covered in clingfilm inside the

marquee for up to four hours. The menu included seafood followed by roast turkey, rib of beef and chicken. Baxter made the mayonnaise by hand using raw eggs and olive oil, and used it with the prawns in the first course and to make coleslaw. A former chef to the Saudi royal family, he was in charge of the catering. He was paid £4,785 for the food, but donated his labour.

Peter Blackwell, chairman of the bench, told him: "You have experience of 15 years of catering and had a duty of care to provide food fit for human consumption. Quite

Kuldeep Clair, for the defence, said: "The extreme heat increased the rate at which the food was contaminated. He has lost two stones in weight since the incident because of

The Morgans, who had to cut short their honeymoon. were not in court yesterday. Elizabeth Johnston, the bride's mother, said: "I am really sorry for the man. He did not mean to poison us all. Justene Beard, environmen-

tal health officer for Tun-

bridge Wells Borough Coun-

cil, said: "We want this case to

stand as a warning to others to take precautions. The main problems were lack of refrigeration, the undercooking of poultry and the use of raw eggs in the mayon-naise which should always be avoided at large functions



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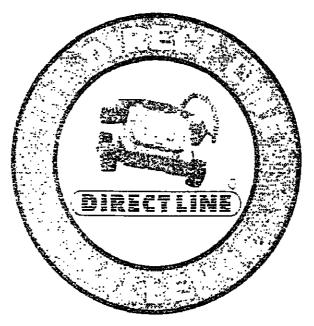
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Songs and tears as sentimental journey leads women to relatives they were told to forget

# After 50 years, the 'stolen children' are finally home

By DANIEL McGrory

AFTER 50 years apart, words could not express the joy of reunion for sisters Rose Kruger and Margaret Severs, who were separated by the war-time child immigrant scheme. "I'm sorry this took so long."

Rose, 61, whispered tearfully as she embraced her sister after stepping from a flight with 39 other women who were shipped to Australia as children.

For many like Rose Kruger.

this will be the first chance to meet their families. Rose was Il and living în a Catholic orphanage în Edinburgh when she was told one morning that she was going on a holiday. Her sister was three years older and so escaped the forced migration. Ten thou-sand children were sent to Australia by Catholic charities to "provide good blood stock and a source of cheap labour.

Mrs Severs, 65, explained: "Our father died before the war and mother was an alcoholic, an inadequate, and had to give us away. I thought Rose was just being sent for a couple of weeks' holiday. Nobody would tell me what happened to her." Eight years ago Mrs Severs,

of Guildford, received a telephone call from a voluntary group that had been trying to trace the missing children. She was told that her sister had survived, having been sent to work in a Catholic orphanage in Perth in 1947. They communicated by telephone and letter, but only now has Rose found the money to make the visit.

Mrs Kruger said: "After a few years we were told we had no parents, no family, so forget them. Life there was sad and unpleasant. I never thought I would see this

As the 40 women, aged 54 to 65, emerged into the arrivals hall at Heathrow yesterday they linked arms and began to sing the Australian national anthem. Then, as customs officers and airport staff applanded, they gave a spirited to orphanage near Perth

early-morning rendition of Waltzing Matilda. them. Grabbing each one in turn, she said: "We were Most relatives had decided family to each other because

to wait for a private reunion later in the visit. But the women, all brought up in Sisters of Nazareth and Sisters of Mercy orphanages near Perth, were greeted by Yvonne Radzevicius, 54. She returned to Britain in 1979 to trace her family but yesterday recognised the faces of those she had grown up with in the Nazareth House orphanage at

ages and religious schools. The 40 women have named Geraldton and ran towards their trip "The Sentimental Journey". Not all, however. will return to Australia with happy memories of reunions with relatives. The son of Mary Barker discovered that her mother was living in Poole, Dorset, but was told that she wanted nothing to do with the child she had given away in infancy. "I wish there had been someone here to meet me. It's a bit sad, but I can't blame her." Mrs Barker. I have a stepsister as well, but they do not know I am coming. I hope to call on them.

> least i tried. I want at least to know what my roots were." Mrs Barker, who has four children and lives in a suburb of Perth, sailed to Australia in September 1947 on the cruiser Osterly. Most of the women on The Sentimental Journey were on the same ship. "As a nine-year-old I had a great time on the boat. I thought of it as a great big house. Truth is, none

of us knew what lay in store." Eileen Ashby, 57, believes the British and Australian Governments should apologise to the women. "I feel bitter. Can you imagine a country sanctioning the idea of stealing its children and forcibly migrating them? It is one of darkest chapters of British history.

"I was eight when I was sent away with one little bag of clothes. I had nine brothers and sisters but my mum couldn't look after me so I was sent to an orphanage in Cheltenham. All we did was swap



"Sorry this took so long": Rose Kruger reunited with Margaret Severs, right, the sister she last saw 50 years ago

one workhouse for another in Australia.

"My mother collapsed when she was told I was still alive and was in Perth. No one ever said sorry. Those behind this sick scheme did not think we would grow up and want identities.

Her husband, Brian Ashby, helped to organise and fund the trip, which began yesterday with a tour of London. There will also be a visit to Ireland, where many of the

women's families originated. Mrs Ashby said governments had kept secret the details of the women's true identities. She found her mother after a 30-year search and was able to meet her before her death last year. On this visit she will search

for her father in Limerick. When Eileen Evert, 59, saw her sister, Liz Sennitt, emerge at Heathrow, she told her: "Welcome home. You took

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your time." The sisters had not seen each other since being separated in an orphanage at Hammersmith, west London, Both have two children. Mrs Evert said: "We bitterly regret being split up. Those years have gone and we have to make the best of what remains."

Sister Leonie O'Brien of the Sisters of Mercy, which organised the trip with the Sisters of Nazareth and a Perth-based charity, said: What we did was a mistake but let us move on. We hope this will be a healing and enjovable time.'

### NEWS IN BRIEF

### Man jailed for romance with girl, 16

A social worker who was a l6-year-old girl he met at a Northumberland children's home was jailed for 12 months for contempt. Patrick Tighe. 48. had broken court orders banning him from contacting the girl. The High Court heard that they planned to marry and had her parents' approval, Tighe has already served two sentences for contempt. Now he must not contact the girl until her 18th birthday.

### Heroin charge

Trevor Johnson, 35. charged with possession of heroin with intent to supply, was remanded in custody by North Avon magistrates, the day after police seized heroin worth £2 million at Bristol Parkway station.

### Mystery death

No cause has been found for a woman's death as she slept. An inquest at Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, was told that Fiona Peace. 39, a mother of four, probably suffered a heart malfunction. Verdict: natural causes.

### Hall deco rated

The Mecca Bingo Hall in Mersey Square. Stockport, is to receive Grade II listing for its art deco features. The former Plaza cinema, built in 1932, is described as "an exceptionally complete example of a 1930s super cinema".

### Take the plunge

A couple are to marry in a tank at Deep-Sea World. near Edinburgh, surrounded by 3.500 fish, including tiger sharks, for whom feeding will be brought forward a day to "ensure maximum safety"

CORRECTION

A report (May 14) implied that Tim Collins MP was the source of suggestions that Ann Widdecombe MP had received flowers and chocolates from Derek Lewis, former head of the Prison Service. Mr Collins asks us to make clear that such suggestions are entirely without foundation. We apologise for the error.

# Doctors accused of realigning evidence on Ecstasy girl's death

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

SCOTLAND'S leading liver surgeons were accused yester-day of covering up evidence and wasting vital time in the case of a 15-year-old girl who died of liver failure after she was refused a transplant. On the final day of the Fatal

Accident Inquiry into Michelle Paul's death, David Burnside, for Miss Paul's family, said medical experts "realigned" their evidence once they realised the seriousness of the inquiry. He said they knew the public would have found it difficult to accept that Michelle, who had dabbled with Ecstasy, had been denied a

transplant on moral grounds. Michelle died on November 27. 1995, 23 days after experi-menting with Ecstasy at a rave near her home in Mastrick. Aberdeen. She was admitted to Aberdeen Royal Infirmary on November 17 and transferred to Edinburgh Royal

Michelle's mother, Carolann researching her family back-Paul, and her grandmother, Margaret Pirie, told the inqui-ry at Aberdeen Sheriff Court that Michelle was denied a transplant on moral grounds because of a family history of drug abuse and because she

Rose Kruger at 14, in an

That claim has been denied by the doctors at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, who said the decision was made on medical grounds aithough doctors have admitted that Michelle's family background had been

had recovered.

taken into account. Mr Burnside said that under cross-examination Dr Hilary Sanfey, Surgeon of Edinburgh Royal Infirmary's transplant team, had agreed that there were no medical reasons against giving Michelle a transplant when she arrived in Edinburgh. But he said vital time was wasted

ground, during which time her condition deteriorated. Mr Burnside said: "I think that a great number of members of the public would find it hard to accept that a 15-yearold child, in a position where had taken Ecstasy. Mrs Paul transplantation represented had been a drug addict but her only chance of survival. was denied an organ on grounds which I submit are clearly related to her

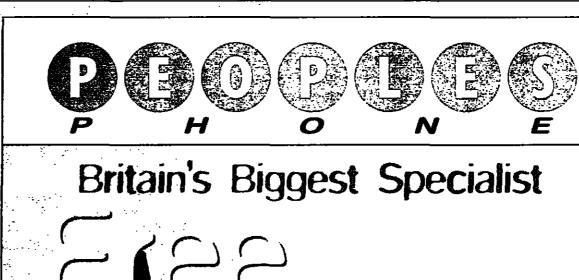
> He said there had been an undue delay on a liver test at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary which might have brought to attention sooner the serious deterioration in Michelle's condition. The time lost was vital in the circumstances and was a significant factor in assessing the events leading up to Michelle's death."

Alf Vannet, the procurator fiscal in the case, said he too was concerned at the delay which he called a "very important omission" given that time was of the essence.

During the final submission. Sheriff Graeme Warner asked whether it might have been easier for doctors to tell the inquiry Michelle had been medically beyond help. He suggested it would have been embarrassing for them, in the glare of public scrutiny, to be seen to have denied a transplant because of Michelle's

But Norma Shippin, for Edinburgh Royal Infirmary NHS Trust, denied any sug-gestion that doctors had misled the court. She said: "It is very wrong to suggest that any of these doctors are trying to mislead this inquiry by looking back and trying to make up a different version of events." She said it would be a "very serious thing to do" to

question the doctors' integrity. Sherrif Warner will deliver his findings in several weeks.



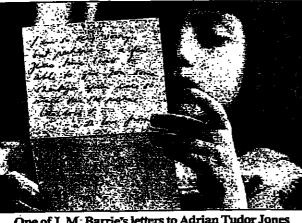
# How Peter Pan inspired a boy to fly

LIKE most young boys, Adrian Tudor Jones possessed a vivid imagination. He twice wrote to J. M. Barrie, the author of Peter Pan, asking to be taught to fly like the boy who never grew up, and sending him drawings. Nearly 70 years later Bar-rie's touching replies have surfaced at a London sale-

om. At Christie's on June 25, the author's two replies to the boy — who would have been about eight when they were written in 1928 — are expected to fetch up to £1,500. One, which was written on

New Year's Day, reads: Dear Adrian, Thank you so very much for the beautiful pictures you sent me. I think they're lovely. Specially the one of the ship. I do love ships. I hope you are coming to see me this Christmas. Love from Peter Pan.

P.S. I'm afraid it will be some time before I can come and teach you to fly as I am quite busy. But I'm sure you can druce quite well without



One of J. M. Barrie's letters to Adrian Tudor Jones

anybody teaching you. I do like your pictures you draw.

The other, dated a fort-night later, reads: "Dear Adrian, Thank you so much for the lovely picture you sent me. I was so very pleased to get it. I am very sorry indeed but I'm afraid I can't teach you to fly, because it is impossible without the Fairy Dust, and I've only got a tiny

supply which I have to use for Wendy, John and Michael. "I am very sorry, but perhaps in a few years' time I will be able to give you some. Thank you again ever so much for the picture. I do

love it. With love from Peter

Adrian did grow up to flyhe became a pilot during the Second World War. But the story did not have a happy

The letters are being sold by a descendant of the original recipient. She declined to give further details of Adrian, but said yesterday: "The letters have been a family treasure since their arrival and have been passed down through the generations. I hope the new owners will enjoy the charm and kindness of these letters as the legend and appeal of Peter Pan continues to new genera-tions of young fans who want

Sir James Barrie, born 1860, was the son of a Scottish weaver. He came to London as a freelance writer in 1885 after working as a journalist in Nottingham. After two successful novels about Scottish rural life he wrote mainly for the theatre, his bestknown plays being The Admirable Crichton (1902) and Peter Pan (1904).

He was created a baronet in 1913 and appointed to the Order of Merit in 1922. He



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REPORTS BY IAN MURRAY, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT, AND KATHRYN KNIGHT

money, but risk death if they take "magic bullet" pills to lose

Issuing guidelines on drugs to treat obesity, the Royal College of Physicians said yesterday that a limited range of prescription-only appetite suppressants should be used only as a last resort by people who had tried to lose weight by dieting, exercising and changing their lifestyle. Amphetamines and all preparations sold over the counter as slimming pills were danger-

ous, addictive or both. "Everybody is always looking for the 'magic bullet' but it simply does not exist," Peter Kopelman, the chairman of the working party set up by the Health Department last

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drugs in slimming treatments. said. "You don't need a magic bullet to lose weight. The thing to do is to set realistic targets and realise that the svelte ideal is simply not achievable for some."

The working party was set up because of growing concern that private slimming clinics were prescribing pills to patients who did not need such drastic treatment, and were then not monitoring them properly.

David London, a registrar of the college, said that there were no figures about how many patients were being treated by private slimming clinics but there was anecdotal evidence that it was a growing

THE appetite suppressants most often prescribed are dexfeniluramine and

phentermine. Both work on the central

nervous system. Doctors are advised

not to prescribe the drugs for more than 12 weeks if the patient has not lost

more than 10 per cent of body weight at

the end of that course. Both drugs can

☐ Dexfenfluramine, marketed as

Adifax, is the most successful appetite

suppressant. A year-long trial on 800

cause high blood pressure.

PEOPLE not only waste their year to investigate the use of not tell their general practitioner what was being prescribed for them. This could result in double treatment, which increased the danger. Doctors in clinics, therefore, should ensure that patients' GPs are made fully aware of any treatment being given. The General Medical Council is to police the new guidelines.

The first line of treatment for the obese should not be to prescribe drugs, but to advise patients on a good diet, increase their physical activity and help them to change to a healthier lifestyle by stopping smoking and excessive drinking. Only if the patient stuck carefully to this discipline for at least three months without losing 10 per cent in weight should drugs be considered.



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report recommends that they should

not be prescribed for more than a year.

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for obesity are amphetamines, which

can become addictive; diuretics, which

have no effect on fat; and thyroid

hormones, which are contra-indicated

☐ Slimming remedies on general sale

are either useless or dangerous, the

Royal College of Physicians says.

in those without thyroid problems.

Obesity is gauged by body mass index. An ideal index figure is about 22; anyone with an index of more than 30 is clinically obese. An index rating is calculated by dividing a person's weight in kilograms (lkg = 22lb) by the square of their height in metres (254cm = lin). By this calculation, a woman 1.6m tall (5ft 3in) would have a perfect index of 21.5 if she weighed 55 kg (8st 8lb). If, however, she weighed 78 kg (12st 3lb) she would have an index of 30.5 and would be obese. As a rough guide, obesity starts with a 40 in waist. measurement in men and 37 in in women. ☐ A reduction of just 10 per cent in an obese person's body weight has enormous health benefits. ☐ Adult obesity in England more than doubled between 1980 and 1994. During that period the condition has grown among men from 6 per cent to 13.8 per cent, and among women from 8 per cent to 17.3 per cent. ☐ The risk of death within 26 years increases by 1 per cent for each extra pound added between the ages of 30

and 42, and by 2 per cent between 50 and 62.

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Kate Fowler: "In the end, I was one of the lucky ones

### 'In days I piled on the 12lb I'd lost and 12 more

KATE FOWLER, a 47-yearold grandmother from Delamere, Cheshire, was prescribed stimming pills by her

doctor in the 1970s.
"Like most women at the time I was desperate to lose weight," she said. "I am 5ft 5in and at the time weighed 12 or 13st. Looking back I wasn't that overweight but I was very depressed about it and went

on my first visit he told me to eat sensibly and do some exercise but it didn't seem to work so I went back and he put me on a kind of

two weeks and it was like being on speed. I was raring to go: I couldn't sleep, I had so much energy. I was up at 5am cleaning windows and hoovering, zipping around like a madwoman. My family really noticed the difference because all of a sudden I was so

"I felt no hunger and ate nothing more than an apple each day. I lost 7lb in the first week and 51b in the second. I thought it was marvellous. But when the prescription ran out I went from being as high as a kite to being like a stug on the floor. I was suffering

withdrawal went to the doctor but he wouldn't give me any more. despite my pleas. I was absolutely worn out and desperate for some more to make me feel energenc again.

"My appetite came straight back but, because I went from eating an apple to eating normally again, it was like stuffing my face. Within days I piled on the 12lb I'd lost and then put on 12lb more, and my weight kept creeping up and

lucky ones because my doctor didn't give me any more it a few weeks the effects passed and because I could remem ber how awful it was I was

never tempted again. "The thing about pills is they don't teach you how to eat healthily, which is what you need. They teach you to not eat at all. But it is very seductive. As a Weight watchers leader I meet thousands of people desperate to lose weight and for some of them it is easier to take a few pills than go through a diet and exercise programme."

# 'No questions, no explanations'

LIZA GREENE, 31, a com-mercials producer from slimming clinic three years ago after becoming depressed about her weight.
"I am 58 om and weighed

92st but I was depressed about my body shape I went to a clinic in north Lendor which was above a shop, and it was like getting pills over

"I filled in a form with the receptionist, which took about five minutes, and was then ushered in to see the doctor. It

was like a conveyor belt there were lots of women there waiting in line for their turn. The doctor gave me a month's supply of pills which were already measured out in the control of the the jar. She didn't say what they were other than to tell me they were appetite suppres-sants and to take some of the vitamin tablets she gave meas well. There was no medical discussion and she told me to come back in a month.

"I took one pill each merning and one in the afternoon and within ten days was feeling really rough I was feeling nauseous, had palpitations and couldn't sleep. I actually felt more hungry as well; maybe my brain was telling me I needed more food because of all the nervous energy I had I was also behaving quite erratically: speeding around, feeling rath er odd...

"I came off the pills within a fortnight when I realised how ill they were making me feel. I had lost no weight at all and felt dreadful. It mok me a good few days to come down

me to go back and see the but I would never go back Looking back it was a drea ful operation, people waiting like a factory production line They didn't take my blood pressure, inquire about med cation or any medical histor the pills could have affecte

e much worse. "They seem like the dr answer, regulating your appe tite, but actually they just over your body."

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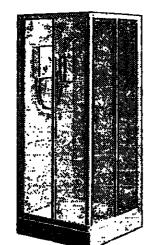
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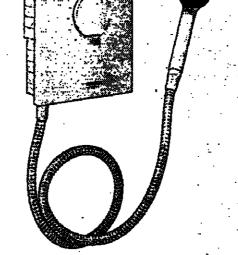
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# Robertson review 'will give Forces a sense of direction'

A REVIEW of every aspect of the roles, commitments and give a "sense of direction" for the 21st century was outlined by George Robertson, the Defence Secretary, yesterday. Despite two reviews carried out by the previous government - Options for Change in

1990 and Frontline First in

1994 - Mr Robertson said it

was necessary to look again at

Army manpower

Armoured regiments Infantry battalions Destroyers/frigates

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capabilities of the Services. He insisted it would not be a costcutting exercise but ruled out any increased spending.

I don't think anyone would realistically expect an increase in defence spending." he told a press conference at the Ministry of Defence. He said the strategic defence review, one

with outside experts. A panel of such experts is to be set up to act as "a sounding board". The review is due to be completed by the end of the DEFENCE CUTS SINCE 1990 109,500 45,506 60,302

ing policy.

pledges, would be conducted openly, with outsiders playing a significant part in formulat-Although the Services and civil servants at the MoD would be fully involved. Mr Robertson said he and Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, planned to hold two seminars

Mr Robertson was reluctant to be drawn on the likely outcome of the review but he declared a number of "bottom lines": co-operation with the United States, European allies and other like-minded nations would remain essential: Brit-

ain's security would still rely

on the collective defence pro-

BT national daytime calls

have been cut by



vided by Nato: and the Government intended to keep strong conventional forces and

the Trident nuclear deterrent. He admitted that the Army was overstretched at present and promised to examine the that British troops played around the world. When asked about the future of Britain's armoured division based in Germany, he emphasised the importance of keeping an armoured capability even for peacekeeping

Mr Robertson said Britain should retain its ability to engage in high-intensity war-fare, as it did in the Golf. "It is sometimes only if you have got the capability of fighting a high-intensity war ... that you

peacekeeping tasks we get involved with," he said. "I was in Bosnia last week and it's some of the heavy armour that we deployed in Bosnia that stopped the fighting from going on in that country and gave the peace process a chance to take place.

He said withdrawing the armoured presence from Ger-many would have short-term

costs, as well as international implications. "There is an end date for the withdrawal of the RAF from Germany [2002] but there is no decision on the garrison [of 25,000 troops]."

Defence spending had already been reduced in the past five years by about 30 per cent. However, the review would look afresh at all aspects of policy and programmes.

Asked if he planned to rival Denis (now Lord) Healey, who, as Labour Defence Secretary in the 1960s, withdrew British troops east of Suez. Mr Robertson said Lord Healey had made the right decisions at the time. But there were "unique circumstances" today that provided a new dimension to policy-making. Unlike in Lord Healey's day, there were now 17,000 troops in Northern Ireland, he said.

Nicholas Soames, Conservative MP and former Armed Forces Minister, dismissed the review as a waste of time. He said: "Everything under review is under threat from Labour. There is no need for a

defence review because we have already restructured our Armed Forces to face the threats of the post-Cold War. You can't take a peace dividend twice."

Mr Soames suggested that the Government might cancel the Eurofighter project, cut the Army in Germany, reduce armoured regiments and cut back on the equipment procorement programme. He added: The review will result in smaller Armed Forces, a smaller budget and a less capable operation, and that is greatly against the interests of the United Kingdom and all that we stand for."

Sir John Nott, a former Conservative Defence Secre tary who carried out a cost cutting review in the early 1980s, said his attempts to cut back had been obstructed by the defence chiefs. His proposals to reduce the size of the Royal Navy were thwarted when Argentina invaded the Falkland Islands in April 1982 and a naval task force was



Healey playing draughts with sailors in 1969; Suez withdrawal was the right decision at the time

### Short's war on want inspired by her ancestors

CLARE SHORT said yesterday that she wanted the world's poor to benefit from the same opportunities that had allowed her poverty-stricken ancestors to build a new life after the Irish potato famine. Ms Short, in her first major speech since becoming Secre-tary of State for International

Development, said she hoped that international poverty would be eliminated within 30 ears.
I have a picture of my greatgreat-great-grandlather who left the west of Ireland in the 1840s to escape the potato

famine and came to Birming-

audience at the School of Oriental and African Studies in London The possibilities of education and personal development transformed the life of my family, from escaping the famine to where we are now --reasonably educated and comfortable people. So I know very well what the poor of the world need, so we can give

others the kind of chances that were given to my family.

Ms Short said she hoped to secure more money for her department from the Treasury. in two years, once development projects had been prepared. "My aim is that we should eliminate aid and 1 hope that within 25 to 30 years. both the aid programme and my department will be closed down because our basic task

has been accomplished.
"A world that has one in five of its people living in abject poverty is certainly not just and it is also dangerously

She said that over the course of 18 years in government, the



Short yesterday: hopes to see poverty ended by 2027

Conservatives had reduced the aid budget from 0.51 per cent of gross national product to 0.27 per cent. "We fought the election on a commitment to reinstate the United Nations target of 0.7 per cent GNP," she said.

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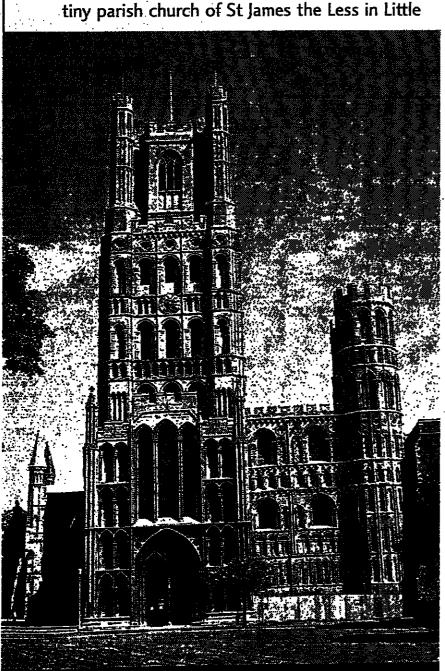
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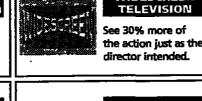
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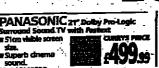
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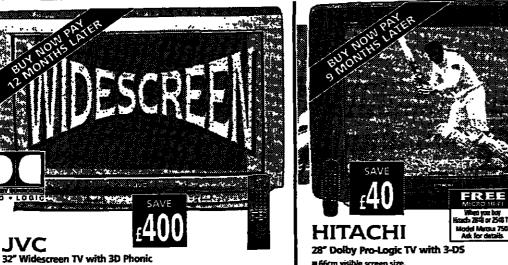
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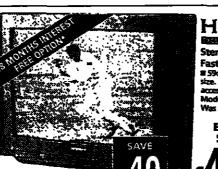
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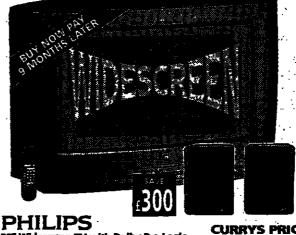


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# Heads back plan to judge teachers on pupils' test results

REPORTS BY DAVID CHARTER, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

TEACHERS should be NAHT, said it was inevitable judged on their pupils results as part of a system to weed out incompetents from the class-room, head teachers said

yesterday. Government plans to introduce targets for schools should include goals against which all teachers should be judged, the National Association of Head Teachers (NAHT) said. The association was responding to a call yesterday from Stephen Byers, the Minister for School Standards, for "speedy but fair procedures" to remove poor teachers.

In a letter to local-authority employers and teaching unions, Mr Byers said: "The majority of teachers do a good job. It is in no one's interests, especially the pupils, that the small minority who do not should remain in the

Teachers have fiercely opposed assessment by examination results. But David Hart, general secretary of the



Hart: teachers deserve

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that teacher appraisal and pupils' results would be used to judge teachers and rid schools of the worst.

Mr Hart said: "Head teachers would welcome any evidence that can be produced in support of any steps they have to take to deal with the small minority of teachers who are not up to the job. Failing teachers deserve justice but so do their pupils."

The Government wants schools to set targets for improvement from September next year and Mr Hart said teachers who failed to meet reasonable targets would cer-tainly find question marks against their ability. He added: "I think it is inevitable that the appraisal process will he used to decide whether to move on the issue of competence."

Chris Woodhead, the Chief Inspector of Schools, has estimated that there are about 13,000 incompetent teachers who should be removed out of the teaching force of 440,000. The dismissal process can take up to two years. Teachers are entitled to four stages of warning formal, oral, written and final; they have at least a term after each to prove themselves. Then follows a dismissal hearing before a committee of governors and then an appeal can be made to a different group of governors.

Mr Hart said the process should be speeded up by removing at least one of the warning stages. "No school should have to tolerate a failing teacher who is demonstrably not improving for more than an academic year." Doug McAvoy, general sec-

### Teach pupils French from age of seven' FRENCH should be studied

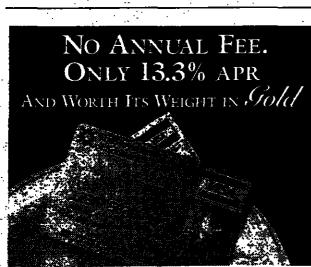
from the age of seven and national curriculum tests for primary schools scrapped, the

In proposals for the review of the curriculum due in 2000, the heads said that far less of the day-to-day content of lessons for 7 to 11-year-olds should be dictated by the Government, Instead, all subjects should be covered by guidance documents, leaving them freer to teach languages, humanities and arts. Smaller schools could share their language teachers.

At the centre of the new curriculum should be values, ethics, personal and social education and health, as well as the basics of reading. writing, speaking, numbers

and information technology. National curriculum tests at 11 would be scrapped, leaving schools free to choose assessment methods geared to children's work. Obsession with passing tests in English, mathematics and science meant other subjects were being overlooked.

Arthur de Caux, senior assistant secretary of the NAHT, said that all primary schools should aim to begin French from seven. Mr de Caux added: "Children have tremendous memories and their mimicking skills at that age are less inhibited by adolescence, when they mumble down their chins. In all our competitor countries, people study two or three languages as a matter of course."



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### Mrs Tyrell was suspended after parents said she was too "old-fashioned"

### Scout chiefs blow whistle on leader who was too strict

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

A SCOUTLEADER with 20 years' experience yesterday described her shock at being asked to resign because she

Ross Tyrell, a mother of three, kept order over the 21 members of Her Beaver group in Halesworth, Suf-folk, by shouting, raising her hand and using her whistle as a last resort. But she has now been sacked after scout officials told her that three parents had objected to her complaints about their sons being unruly.

Yesterday Mrs Tyrell. 56, described how the Halesworth group scout leader Nigel Busby had told her she was being suspended and advised her to "resign gracefully" because parents had complained about her "oldfashioned" methods. "I could not believe I was being thrown out for simply doing my job properly," she said.

She said that under her leadership, the 1st Halesworth Scouts had always had

a full membership of 21 six to eight-year-old boys. She joined the group's committee in 1978, taking over the Beavers six years ago. "I have always followed the scouting movement's code of conduct. Smacking boys is banned and I have never done it. My usual way of keeping control is to raise my right arm in the air. My last resort is blowing my whistle. but that happens rarely."

Adrienne Rowe. 37, whose son Christopher is one of Mrs Tyrrell's Beavers, said: "You have got to be quite strict when you are dealing with 20 young boys and 1 think she copes admirably." Mrs Tyrell is now considering an appeal to the Scout Association. Last night a spokesman said: "We are

always sorry if someone who who gives up their time for scouting is asked to resign. but scouting is a team effort and members of a team have to be capable of working smoothly with others.



retary of the National Union

of Teachers, said: "Judging

teachers by results is a Victori-

an concept that should have no place in a modern educa-

tion system." He added: "The

claim that incompetent teach-

because of cumbersome proce-

dures is false. Their presence

is the result of weak and

inadequate management. The

Minister of State should

establish how many head

teachers and governing bodies

are refusing to use the proce-dures to deal with incompe-

Mr Hart responded: "What

Doug McAvoy says flies in the face of the facts. More and

more teachers are being re-moved from the profession for

incompetence. The climate

since the introduction of nat-

ional curriculum testing and

performance tables makes it

very risky for any head teacher to tolerate failing teachers

in their school."

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# Jailed nurse report questions NHS code of silence

By RICHARD DUCE

WIDE-RANGING reform of the way health workers are recruited, including a "whistleblower's charter", was urged yesterday by the inquiry into the case of Amanda Jenkinson, a nurse jailed for harming a patient.

The inquiry's report, by Richard Bullock, a solicitor. made 29 recommendations on what he described as "fundamental ethical and practical problems of recruiting in the

Measures called for include clearer guidelines for "whistleblowers" to allow them to report concerns about colleagues in a "blame-free"

It also emphasised that there was a "common misconception that any information given to a doctor by another member of the nursing or medical staff who was a patient] was covered by an absolute duty of confidence".

Jenkinson. 37. was sacked from Bassetlaw District General Hospital in Worksop. Nottinghamshire, for allegedly failing to disclose that she had a history of mental illness. In 1996 she was jailed for five years for tampering with a patient's life-support equipment to discredit a colleague on her unit.

The report called for recruitment staff to be better trained and for a designated officer within a hospital or trust to check an applicant's registration with the medical and nursing governing

It also highlighted a need for NHS staff to undergo a probationary period and for a standard application form to cover the whole health service.

On the issue of confidentiality, the report called for tighter guidelines in identifying po-tential problems and the need. in the public interest, to impress on staff their responsibility to break medical confidentiality where necessary. Professional health bodies should stress to their members that "it is an offence not to break confidence in appropri-

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was suffering from a psychiat-

ric illness at the time of the

incident. His wife Amanda

said Jenkinson, from

Worksop, was determined to

fight the case in the appeal

court. She has also lodged a

claim for unfair dismissal

against Bassetlaw District

The report will go to the NHS Executive and the De-

partment of Health for circu-

lation within the health service

and is expected to apply to

doctors and other health pro-

Unison, the health union,

gave a cautious welcome to the

report and will seek a meeting

with the Department of

Health. A spokesman said:

'We have concerns about ba-

sic civil liberties and the area

of patient confidentiality. But

we do recognise that patients

need to be protected as well."

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ate circumstances and to alert the proper authorities to the danger of action by a patient who is a danger either to himself/herself or to their own patients"

The Bullock report recommends that occupational health records be moved with staff from job to job and that they be double-checked by general practitioners

Mr Bullock said: patient's position is para-mount. Patients entrust themselves to doctors and nurses, that they will receive full and effective treatment and that ing that those doctors and nurses may have suffered in the past will affect that.

Mr Bullock added that in the case of Jenkinson, Bassetlaw Hospital "undertook every step it could to ensure proper screening" but she was found to have lied about her medical history: "At the end of the day, there will always be someone able to evade systems. We don't want to add to bureaucracy but we do want wider checks."

Jenkinson continues protest her innocence and claims she has been the subject of a "whitewash" report. Her brother and sister-inlaw attended the press conference held vesterday after the report was published. Jenkinson's brother Rogan, a doctor of archaeology, said they attended because the inquiry was "intertwined" with what had happened to his sister. Dr Jenkinson



Up to 600 elephants are culled each year at Kruger

### Lusty males force female elephants to give up the Pill

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

PUTTING elephants on the least likely to be pregnant -Pill is a mistake, scientists at Kruger National Park in South Africa have been forced to admit. Field trials of the contraceptive have been abandoned after they disrupted the normally tranquil elephant

society in the park The effect of oestrogen implants given to ten cow elephants was to drive the bull elephants wild. They had the impression that the females were permanently on heat and subjected them to endless and unwanted attention. "The bulls would not leave them alone," Ian Whyte, the park's elephant specialist, told New Scientist. "When we tracked them from the air, we would find a cow on her own surrounded by up to eight bulls. That, we feel, is not the way we want to treat elephants."

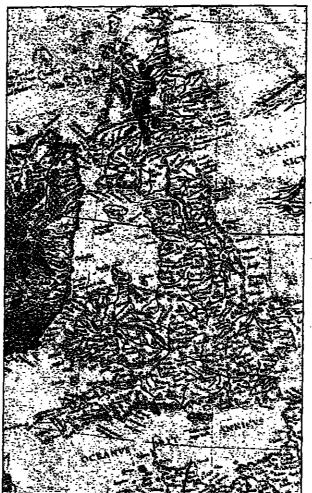
The idea came from a team from the Institute for Zoo Biology and Wildlife Research in Berlin. In the safety of a wildlife park, elephants reproduce too quickly, causing overcrowding and environmental damage. In Kruger Park, up to 600 have been culled every year to keep numbers at a sustainable level. The contraceptive implant appeared an attracrive alternative. Ten elephants which caused changes in behaviour had recently given wirth - and had been shown to cause chosen because they were the tumours in zoo animals.

were implanted last October with slow-release oestrogen capsules based on those used in human medicine.

Not only were the females constantly bothered, but in some cases they were separated from their young calves by males who wouldn't take no for an answer. This could have had serious effects on the social structure of the elephant groups, made up of females and their young.

Hopes of controlling elephant fertility have not been abandoned, however, in a separate project at the park, 21 cow elephants were vaccinated last October with protein taken from the layer of cells surrounding the ova [eggs] in pigs. This form of immunocontraception" produces antibodies which prevent the sperm penetrating the ele-

phants' eggs. Dr Jay Kirkpatrick of ZooMontana, a zoological institute in Billings. Montana. who is collaborating in the study with scientists from the University of Pretoria, believes it will work better than hormonal contraception. He says that ZooMontana abandoned hormones in the 1970s because they were impractical.



# The £700,000 book that put Britain on the map

By Peter Foster

A BOOK of Renaissance maps which show the first detailed picture of the British Isles went on display yesterday, following its purchase for an estimated £700,000 by the British Library.

The collection of more than 70 maps was pasted together by the Flemish man-maker Gerhardus Mercator, for an academic friend who was planning a long European tour in 1570. It was Mercator who first adapted the word "atlas" for a book of maps. His Atlas of Europe was rediscovered by chance in 1967, hattered and soiled. when a Dutch school teacher on camping holiday spotted it in a Brussels bookshop. He sold it in 1979 for about E300,000 and it has been

largely inaccessible to the public. The British Library has now acquired the work from the Railways Pension Fund with the aid of a £500,000 lottery grant.

Peter Barber, deputy map librarian at the British Li-

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brary, said the acquisition filled the largest gap in the library's collection of about 25 million maps: "This will allow scholars to improve their knowledge of how a European new began to develop in the

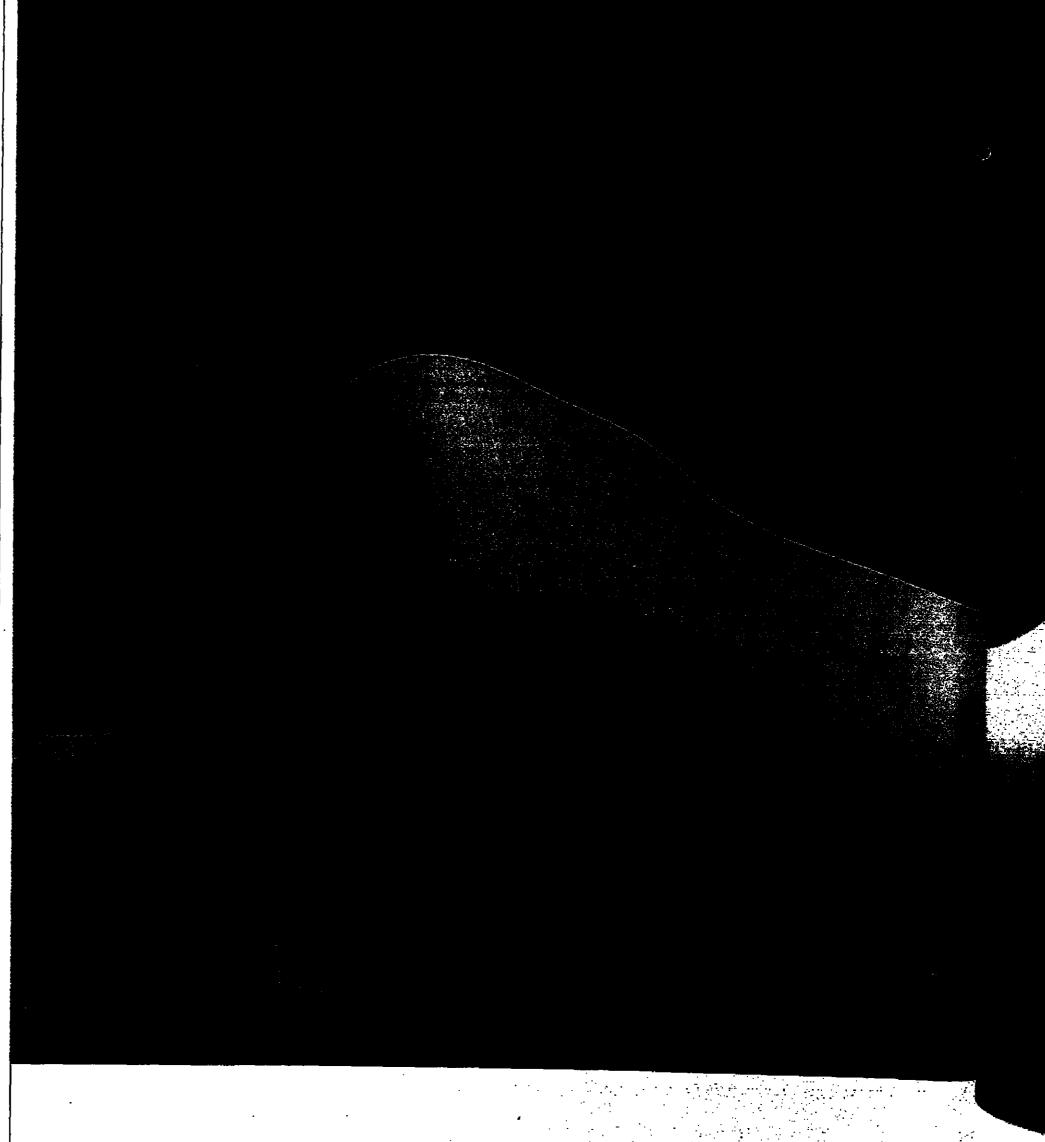
The atias includes one of only four surviving examples of Mercator's 1564 wall map of the British Isles, which

represents the first detailedand reasonably accurate representation of the UK's four component parts. It shows an enormous increase in the number of place names compared with earlier maps, with 2,500 names in all and 1,250 for England and Wales alone, including Stratfordupon-Avon in the very year of

Shakespeare's birth. There are some errors. Mercator mistakes. Sussex (Soursex) and Surrey (Soutshrey) for towns. Previous maps had been based on inaccurate medieval information. Mercator drew on a wide variety of sources, including historic chronicles and travel accounts.

The atlas at the library's exhibition galleries also includes the only surviving copy of Mercator's influential map of Europe, drawn in 1554 and heavily imitated. The library is applying for a grant to make the collection available on electronic media such as CD-Rom.

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# American human-rights group accuses the RUC over parades

CHIEF IRELAND

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Mo Mowlem after her meeting with the Apprentice Boys

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AMERICA'S largest human-rights group provoked fury yesterday when it accused the Royal Ulster Constabulary of violating human rights. In a 100-page report, the New York-based Human Rights Watch / Helsinki blamed the RUC for exacerbating last summer's vio-lence and called for reforms.

Even the RUC's critics in Northern Ireland said that the report, To Serve Without Favour, had failed to take account of the unique difficulties faced by the police in tackling loyalist and republican terrorism.

The report was published as Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, stepped up her efforts to avoid a repeat of last year's disturbances. She spent the day meeting leaders of the Apprentice Boys in Londonderry, leaders of the Orange Order in Belfast and a group which is campaigning for Protestant civil rights in South Belfast.

She said: "I am listering to people, to understand what their position is." Civil servants were holding their second meeting in a week with Sinn Fein at Stormont.



Martin McGuiness, left, leads the Sinn Fein delegation into their second round of talks at Stormont Castle

A lengthy account of last July's disturbances at Drumcree, near Portadown, Co Armagh, in the human-rights report said: "Police failed to break up illegal protests by loyalists because of the Protestant bias in the force: Bad police judgment fuelled 'mob tactics': The RUC should have taken steps to restrict the contentious loyalist march. Ken Roth, the executive director of Human Rights Watch, said: "The violence that erupted last summer is

a failure of policing and the failure

to maintain the rule of law." in very significant part a product of

However, policing experts said that the RUC faced a mammoth task at Drumcree last year. Violence erupted when the RUC allowed an Orange parade to pass through a nationalist area of Portadown after originally banning it. Sir Hugh Annesley, the then chief constable, reversed his decision at the end a four-day stand-off after loyalist ter-He said: "This is just naive and is impossible in the light of the risk." rorists threatened to spray police with burning petrol. Sir Hugh

### Holiday families need £400 to buy sun protection

By Ian Murray, medical correspondent

A FAMILY of four would need method of protection was to to spend £400 on suncream to obtain adequate protection for a two-week holiday, an expert on ultra-violet radiation control said yesterday.

rule of law was temporarily sus-pended, but he said that the alterna-tive would have been to fire live

Chris Ryder, one of Northern Ireland's leading policing experts.

said that the human rights report failed to take account of the difficul-ties Sir Hugh faced at Drumcree. Mr Ryder, a reformist who is a

former member of the Northern Ireland Police Authority, said: "There is no original thinking in this

report. There are a lot of naive and idealistic recommendations. They

are bringing conventional yard-

sticks to a most unconventional

The report called for: an end to the

use of plastic bullets; an end of nonjury Diplock courts; the repeal of

emergency legislation; normal po-

licing functions by the RUC

throughout Northern Ireland, with

protection provided by the Govern-

This final point, which failed to mention that RUC officers face the

risk of being shot by an IRA sniper

every time they enter a republican

area, was seized on by Mr Ryder.

rounds at the Orangemen.

Skin cancer was now killing i 500 people a year, Dr Chris Sharp of the National Radiological Protection Board said. and there was an urgent need to stop the public going into the sun without protection.

"Suncream is not as good protection as a hat and clothing, but any exposed skin should be covered with a lot of it and the application should be renewed evey hour," he said. "You need to fill the cup of your hand with it just for one application to the top of the body."

A study by Which? magazine named Sainsbury's Suncare Lotion as the best buy. It costs £4.99 for 200 millilitres, enough for just over five applications. Doctors recommend reapplying the lolotion every hour. One person spending eight hours a day in the sun for two weeks would need 20 bottles, costing nearly £100.

Dr John Hawk, consultant dermatologist at St Thomas's Hospital, London, said that there was no point in buying anything with a sun protection factor of less than 15. "There is no real advantage in putting on lower-factor creams. It is just a pharmaceutical ruse to obtain money." The best

stay out of the sun between llam and 3pm and to always wear a broad-brimmed hat and close-weave cotton clothing, Dr Hawk said. "There is no such thing as a healthy tan. If the skin turns brown, it shows that it has been damaged."

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At the launch of a campaign to warn the public about the danger of sunbathing, the Health Department said that skin cancer was now the second most common form of the disease, with 40,500 cases and 1,500 deaths reported each year. The number has grown by 50 per cent since 1974. Eighty per cent of all skin cancers are related to exposure to the sun.

Katie Aston, the Health Education Authority's campaign director on cancer, said that "macho" sunbathing by men was a worrving development. A third more women than men develop malignant melanoma, but a third more men die of it because they tend to report the condition when it is too advanced for treatment.

"Men are less likely to aspire to a tan and more likely burn." Ms Aston said. \*Women are more used to putting cream on their faces and are therefore much readier to use sun screens." Nearly twice as many men as women in the 35 to 44 age group get

### US cult offers to clone humans for \$200,000

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

believes life on earth was created in laboratories by extra-terrestrials is offering to clone human beings for \$200,000 (£123,000).

The Raelian Movement. founded by a Canadian called Claude Vorilhon who lives near Montreal and is known to his followers as Rael, announced last week that he had set up a company

to market cloning. The Bahamas-based comlaboratory in a country where human cloning is not

A RELIGIOUS cult which banned and will offer its service worldwide to wealthy parents. The sect, which has 35,000 believers, plans to use the technique developed at the Roslin Institute in Edinburgh to create the cloned sheep. Dolly.

Mr Vorilhon's company plans to sponsor American laboratories which want to work on human cloning. New Scientist reports.

Human cloning is banned in Britain, although there is pany says it will build a disagreement over whether the law explicitly bans the Roslin method.



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# Threat to call more women witnesses in Clinton sex case

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

United States Supreme Court, lawyers for Paula Jones are hoping to issue subpoenas to various women and Arkansas state troopers next month to buttress her claim of sexual harassment by President

Their purpose is to prove that as Governor of Arkansas he had a propensity to act in the way she alleges.

One of the lawyers, Joseph Cammarata, said: "In this case there have been public reports of a pattern of conduct where then Governor Clinton used state troopers at state expense for his own personal enjoyment, in particular for the procurement of women." One woman reportedly ea-

ger to testify is Gennifer Flowers, the former nightclub singer in Little Rock, who claimed to have a 12-year adulterous affair with Mr Clinton. A spokesman said she is looking forward to giving a deposition as a form vindication for herself and Mrs Jones.

Mr Cammarata said he will press to obtain photographs of Mr Clinton's private parts. According to Mrs Jones, his genital area has distinguishing characteristics that she observed when he allegedly dropped his trousers in a Little Rock hotel room and asked her for oral sex six years ago. From the start, Mr Clinton

AFTER their victory in the Linited States Supreme Court, was a harbinger of how tawdry a court case would be.

The Jones legal team was increasing pressure on Mr Clinton to settle out of court. Gilbert Davis, another of her lawyers, said the essential feature of any settlement would have to be a statement redeeming her reputation. An acknowledgement that the President was in the hotel room and that he regretted what happened would be a good start, Mr Davis said.

The two sides were close to a statement three years ago, but talks fell through. In a draft apology proposed by Mrs Jones's lawyers at the time, Mr Clinton would have said he had no recollection of meeting her in the room, but did not challenge her claim that they met there.

He would also say she did not engage in any improper sexual conduct and he regretted any untrue assertions that disparaged her character and good name. There would be no direct comment on his own conduct, but a response by Mrs Jones would have said that she stood by her prior account of the episode.

For now, at least, the President's side was not taking the bait of resuming negotiations. His lawyer, Robert Bennett, said a deal was unlikely because Mr Clinton had done nothing wrong. "We are confident the case will ultimately be

verdict that no American is above the law. The Jones case does not come as a shock to Americans who have voted him into office twice while suspecting him of marital infidelity. Still, a drawn-out trial would damage him politically and tarnish

his place in history.

Three other legal clouds hang over the Clintons. One is the suggestion that justice was obstructed by the payment of hush money" to Webster Hubbell, Mrs Clinton's former law colleague. Another is alleged misuse of power in campaign fundraising. The third is that the Clintons engaged in fraud in the longare denied by the First Couple.

resolved in the President's

favour," said Mr Bennett,

implying they would question

Mrs Jones's motives. She

seeks damages of \$700,000

Clinton know what really

happened in the room, but she

has supporting testimony of

that day about Mr Clinton's

alleged advances. Mrs Jones, 30, is now married with two

young sons and lives in Long Beach, California.

thoughtless of the Supreme

Court to issue its unanimous

opinion that the case should

proceed while Mr Clinton was

in Europe signing Nato's pact with Russia, celebrating the

versary and stopping off in

London today to meet the

In The Hague yesterday, Mr Clinton refused to discuss

the lawsuit but did express

concern about the precedent

set for future Presidents by the

Supreme Court's decision to

let the case go forward while he was still in office. The court

rejected his arguments that

the case would be a significant

distraction, hinder his duties

and attract a flood of frivolous

cases from his foes.

The timing of the nine justices, two of them appoint-

ed by Mr Clinton, detracted

cruelly from the presidential

trip, as if to underscore their

Blair Cabinet.

It was inconceivably

Only Mrs Jones and Mr

(E430,000).



Linda Finch waves after landing at Honolulu during the final stages of her circumnavigation of the globe. Later, after 15 hours over the ocean in which her famous predecessor perished, the exan millionaire landed in California yesterday in an aircraft identical to the one Amelia Earhart chose for her ill-fated circumnavigation attempt in 1937 (Giles Whittell

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Ms Finch's 2,400-mile

Earhart follower makes it home

night flight from Hawaii to Oakland was the last leg of her journey round the world at its widest point, the equator. She was greeted by cheering crowds. Her predecessor died when her twinengine Lockheed Electra plunged into the Pacific 60

solo by Ms Finch, 46, made a pass over Oakland Airport before touching down on time at 9.30am, its arrival followed by millions of schoolchildren on television and via an Internet link to

the cockpit.

Ms Finch, in her "leaky, loud and cramped" aircraft, touched down in 20 countries on six continents, logging 26,000 miles in ten The restored Electra flown lons of engine oil.

# Routed Taleban force driven out of northern city

By Christopher Thomas in mazar-sharif AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

TALEBAN fighters were driven from this northern city vesterday after a 15-hour battle, dealing the Islamic militia one of its worst setbacks since it seized Afghanistan's capital. Kabul, in September.

Uzbek troops who last week staged an ostensibly pro-Taleban mutiny against Gen-eral Abdul Dostum, the opposition warlord based in Mazar-i-Sharif, and turned on their new allies on Tuesday.

Fierce fighting erupted in the city after a Taleban armoured column entered a Shia Muslim district to disarm supporters of another opposition militia, Hezbi-Wahdat. The Uzbeks, led by General Abdul Malik, attacked the column from the rear and clashes spread as local fighters fired at buildings occupied by the mainly ethnic Pashtun Taleban.

Deafening bursts of machinegun fire ripped through the streets and tank, mortar and rocket explosions shook the city. By noon it was clear that the black-turbaned Taleban force, numbering at least 3,000, had suffered complete defeat at the hands of General Malik's forces and Hezb-i-Wahdat.

Opposition forces in the city meanwhile arrested Muhammad Ghous, the Foreign Minister of the Taleban Government, and Abdul Razzaq. Taleban's northern military commander, a Pakistan-based news service

Early in the day bullets smashed into a United Nations guesthouse where foreign aid workers and journalists had spent the night in a bunker. After a lull for prayers, the gunfire became even more intense. The message of Mazar-i-Sharif is simple predictions of a peaceful

Afghanistan are premature. A carper shop nearby was burning, sending acrid smoke through the guesthouse, nearly forcing an evacuation. But the blaze subsided. Besides. there was nowhere to run.

The elderly guesthouse cook, a bald; stocky man who

has seen a good deal of fighting before, stayed in his stand no more and retreated to country

the bunker. A bullet went through the corrugated-iron gate at the entrance of the guesthouse and drilled a neat hole in the window at the front door. General Malik's forces eventually gained control of the street and Taleban fighters retreated to the mosque, one of the most impressive buildings in Afghanisten. It was restored only a few years ago; now it was at he centre of the

Finally there was silence. The street was empty save for a few of General Malik's soldiers prowing with rocket launchers on their shoulders. The UN zsked for, and promptly received, permission from Uzbekistan to evacuate expatriates by road across the



Oxus River,-40 miles away. There was also a contingency plan for an evacuation operation from the air.

Word eventually came from the Mazari-Sharif authorities, such as there are any: foreigners are safe, do not move. The situation was to be reviewed today, when a dash for the border might be authorised. We have one injured man, a Afghan translator. Shrapne sliced through a window and through his arm; one of our number has walked to what may turn out to be an empty hospital for help.

This battle will lay the seeds of future fattles, as it must according to Afghan ethos. A grudge can be maintained for a century or more, whoever loses this time will come back to restore honour, and smash some more of this city and, along with it, any hope that the Taleban advance could bring peace - even a peace under the Islamic army's ul-



with Bill Clinton, is eager to testify against him

### Rebels face suspension by Commonwealth tary, with a dilemma. The main force up to deal with military regimes in opposing Major Johnny Koromah, the Nigeria. The Galabia and Sierra Leone, rebel leader, is the Nigeriai-led West The Commonwealth may press at its DIPLOMATIC EDITOR WITH Nigerian troops poised to crush the Sierra Leone coup, Britain has hinted summit in Edipburgh this autumn for African force overseeing the peace process in neighbouring Liberia, but Britain that it will seek the country's suspension

from the Commonwealth unless civilian

rule is restored quickly.

The military coup is a first test of Labour's human rights policy, but presents Robin Cook, the Foreign Secre-

wants to increase sanctions against General Sani Abacha's regime in Nigeria. London is likely to try to obtain a recommendation for Sierra Leone's suspension at the July meeting of the Commonwealth ministerial action group, set

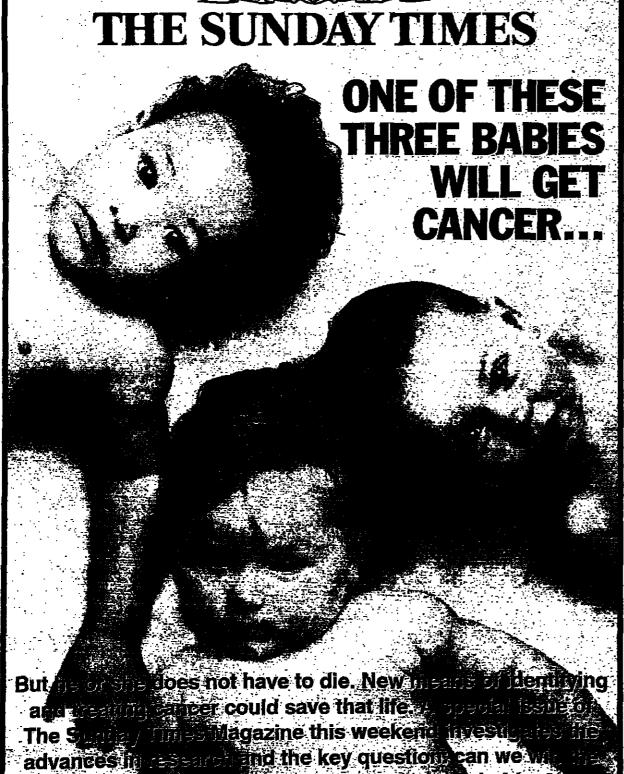
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sanctions, and Sierra Leone's suspension. Nigeria said yesterday that it was trying to resolve the coup peacefully. In the meantime, Nigerian troop reinforcements have arrived by boat in Freetown.

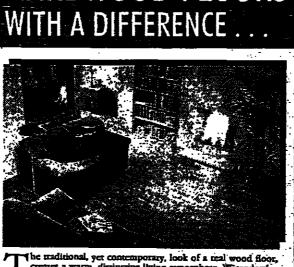
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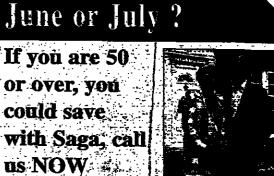
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# Texas twisters leave at least 29 people dead

# riven ou hern cip Tiny town is flattened as funnel winds fling trees, telegraph poles, animals and lorries high in the air

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

6 I've never

seen a tornado

before in my

life ... and I

don't care to

see one again 🤊

RESCUE teams picked through the flattened remains of homes and businesses yesterday after a swarm of tornados raked through central Texas, killing at least 29, injuring dozens more and leaving one entire neighbour-

hood "just a flat, vacant field".

Striking with terrifying force, the worst tornado in Texas for ten years struck late on Tuesday in the tiny town of Jarrell, 40 miles north of Austin, blasting a mile-long path of destruction that whipped cars and livestock into the air and reduced houses to piles of debris on their concrete bases. Hun-

dreds in Jarrell werė homeless ruins of about 70 houses and the sight of hearses shuttling to and from a mortuary set up in the local school hall.

The town of less than 1,000, last devastated by tornados in 1989, faced a mounting toll as the sheriff announced that 23 people were missing and 27 had been confirmed as dead.

Nowhere in the 100-mile stretch of hill country between Austin and Waco was safe as roaring funnel clouds from a worsening thunderstorm hit the ground amid flash floods and golfball-sized hail at 4pm. Two fatalities were blamed

on the storms in Austin, where homes collapsed and a swollen creek swept a man to his. death. North of the city, in Cedar Park, eight people were\_ injured and one was believed to have been killed by a separate tornado that ripped the roof of a supermarket and wreaked havoc in the car park.

The tornado "looked about two inches tall at first". Ray Westphal said. Then it started taking up the entire horizon. As it got closer, everyone panicked. Building tops were flying around. It was picking cars right up into

imonweat

At an artificial yachting basin near Waco, 80 boats and a marina were destroyed. Along Interstate 35, the region's north-south artery, drivers left their cars and cowered under bridges, bewilapproached and dazed once they had passed. "I've never seen a tornado before in my life," one driver told a local news station. "And I don't

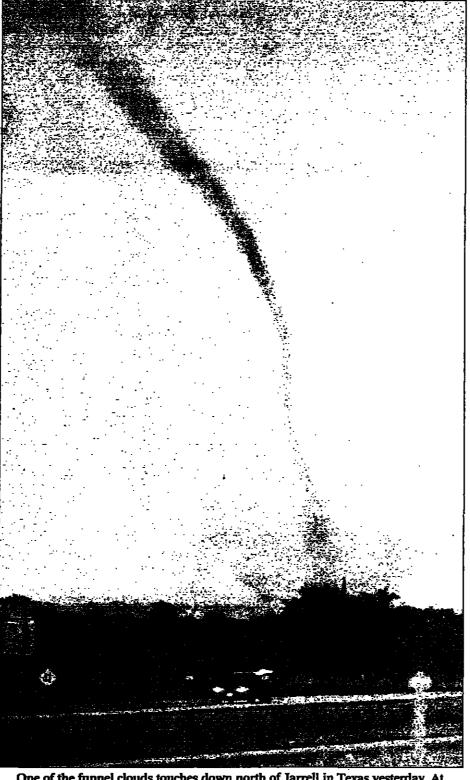
really care to see one again." In an eerie echo of last year's hit film, Twister, dead cows - around Double Creeks Estate. Jarrell's worst-hit neighbourhood. Amateur video of the

> tate captured its scale and ferocity. Dwarfing buildings in its path, the torna-do hurled up a spiralling cloud according to

winds of up to 280mph at its vortex, making it a force 4 tornado out of a maximum of 5. "It was like a big vacuum that sucked everything up," said Mike Cox, the spokesman for the Texas Department of Public Safety, who inspected the area on Tuesday night. At the south of the "tornado

belt", central Texas is no stranger to destruction. Force 5 tornados killed 114 at Goliad in 1902 and left the same number dead in Waco in 1953. Until Tuesday, the state's worst tornado in recent years hit Saragosa in 1987, killing 30 Yesterday priests and coun-

sellors converged on Jarrell to offer solace to a community in thought to have known at least one of the dead. The town was scarred badly enough eight years ago, when a tornado killed two and razed 35 homes. This is worse," said Janeen Brock, a resident. "It's going to be awful. They're going to have to bury so many people." tal records to identify the land than initially thought. George Bush, the Governor



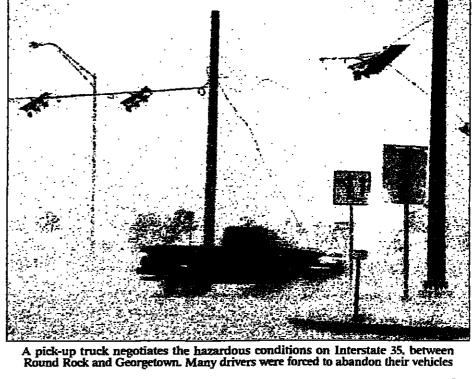
One of the funnel clouds touches down north of Jarrell in Texas yesterday. At least 29 people have died in the storms and more than 20 others are still missing

victims, the Red Cross issued a national appeal for the "millions of dollars" it would cost to repair the damage and

support Jarrell's homeless. A helicopter sent up yesterday morning by the Depart-ment of Public Safety to assess the destruction reported worse As coroner's staff used den- damage to property and farm- descended on the town. and food,"

The Double Creeks estate lay in a swath of flattened trees, upended telegraph poles and dead animals. Cheri Green, a spokeswoman for the department, said the band of destruction was about four miles long and up to half a mile wide. An army of TV crews has

dent, toured the area amid expectations that he would declare a local state of emergency. Those with full house insurance received prompt assistance from insurers. "We'll be cutting cheques all day so folks can pay for hotel lodging ' one spokeswoman



### Living with the terrors of America's tornado alley

By Nigel Hawkes, science editor

TORNADOS are short-lived but violent, lasting on average only a few minutes but capable of huge destruction. They form from the swiftly rising columns of air that exist

beneath thunderclouds. These updraughts supply the warm, humid air that fuels the thunderstorm.

Sometimes, for reasons that remain obscure, the updraughts start to spin always anti-clockwise in the Northern hemisphere. This spin often appears at the edge of the updraught, where there is a boundary between the warm air flowing upwards and cold air flowing downwards mixed with rain and

Why some updraughts form twisters and others do not remains a mystery. The from the cloud, and becomes a tornado only when it reaches the ground. Until then it is invisible because it is merely a whirling wind. However, it quickly becomes visible as it sucks up dust, dirt and solid objects from the ground. The air pressure at creates winds with speeds of up to 250mph. An average tornado is

about 400 to 500ft wide, and travels about four or five miles along the ground at 20 .to 50mph. Exceptionally, a tornado may be up to a mile wide and travel for tens of

miles. The record is held by a tornado that covered 219 miles on March 18, 1925, the Great Tri-State Tornado which killed 689 people in Missouri,

lllinois and Indiana. The flat country of the Midwest, stretching through Texas to Oklahoma and Kansas, is tornado alley. Here warm, moist air moving up

west. Some days there may be 20 or more. In a typical year. more than 1,000 tornados are reported; in June 1992 there

The power of tornados is awe-inspiring. In January 1974 a tornado in McComb. Missouri, tossed three school buses over an 8ft-high embankment and into woods. Fortunately, they were empty at the time.

In May 1970 a tornado in Lubbock. Texas, moved an empty 10-tonne fertiliser tank more than half a mile. Nobody knows whether it was airborne all the way or turnbled end over end.

The study of debris can provide useful information about tornados. The Tornado Debris project at the University of Oklahoma has been analysing just what becomes of things whisked into the air. in an attempt to understand the dynamics of the process. After a tornado in Oklahoma on May 7, 1995, they found a man's jacket 20 miles away. and a golf-course pin 43 miles from the green from which it had been sucked. A cancelled

### CIA coup-makers had 58 on hit list

FROM DAVID ADAMS

NEW details have emerged of an American plot in the early 1950s to overthrow the elected Government of Guatemala. According to newly declassified CIA

documents, the coup - codenamed Operation Success - involved the training of assassins to kill at least 58 political leaders and a "psychological war" of death threats, including phone calls preferably between 2am and 5am".

The murders were never carried out, but the coup went off smoothly. Under-mined by the campaign, the left-wing Government of Jacobo Arbenz was overthrown in June 1954 by military officers. Arbenz fled to Mexico. US involvement has been well documented. Elected in 1950, Arbertz's radical land reform programme had angered American allies in social reforms in his own country.

the region and multinational fruit

But the new documents, part of an official CIA history of the coup, disclose that the "disposal list" of people to be assassinated was still being considered until the day Arbenz resigned. The assassination plans were discussed in detail at the highest levels of the CIA and the State Department, the records show.

The documents also cast new light on the CIA's campaign of sabotage and black propaganda against Arbenz, and provide details of the agency's efforts to recruit Guatemalan military officers. The 1,400 pages of documents are estimated to be only I per cent of the CIA's files on the coup. Planning began in 1952 after the CIA was approached by Anastasio Somoza, the Nicaraguan dictator, who was concerned by the effect of pressure for

The coup became a landmark in Latin America, cementing the CIA's influence with repressive military regimes in the region. The coup was one of the causes of a civil war in Guatemala that continued until last year, with an estimated toll of 100,000 civilian dead. Regionally, the coup also gave birth to a more radical leftwing movement that took up arms

against social injustice in other countries. Among those most affected by the events of that summer was the 26-year-old Argentine Communist, Che Guevara, who was visiting Guaternala after being attracted by its left-wing experiment in

"A terrible cold shower has fallen over the Guatemalan people," Guevara wrote before fleeing to Mexico where he joined the exiled Cuban opposition leader, Fidel Castro, as he was planning a guerrilla war in his country.

### Trigger-happy US drivers add to increasing danger of road rage

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

ROAD rage is at record levels in the United States. Research shows that American drivers are as likely to carry spare bullets in their vehicles as spare tyres.

According to a study published in New York today by the Automobile Association of America (AAA), "aggressive driving incidents" have risen by 51 per cent since 1990. The association's definition of such incidents is admirably blunt: those in which an angry or impatient driver tries to injure or kill another driver after a traffic dispute". In all, 218

people have been killed over five years and 12.610 injured. "What used to be just two people screaming at each other is now one person losing it and pulling the trigger," Lou Mizell, who led the AAA's study, says. In the cases studied, 37 per cent of offenders used firearms against other drivers, 35 per cent used their cars as battering rams, and 2S per cent used an assort-

ment of other weapons and

projectiles. They included

knives, car jacks and tins of food plucked from shopping

bags. The AAA's profile of the

typical "lane ranger" is that of a male aged from 18 to 26. "relatively poorly educated, who has a criminal record, history of violence and drug or alcohol problems". About 4 per cent are female: when women attack other drivers, two thirds of them use their own cars as weapons.

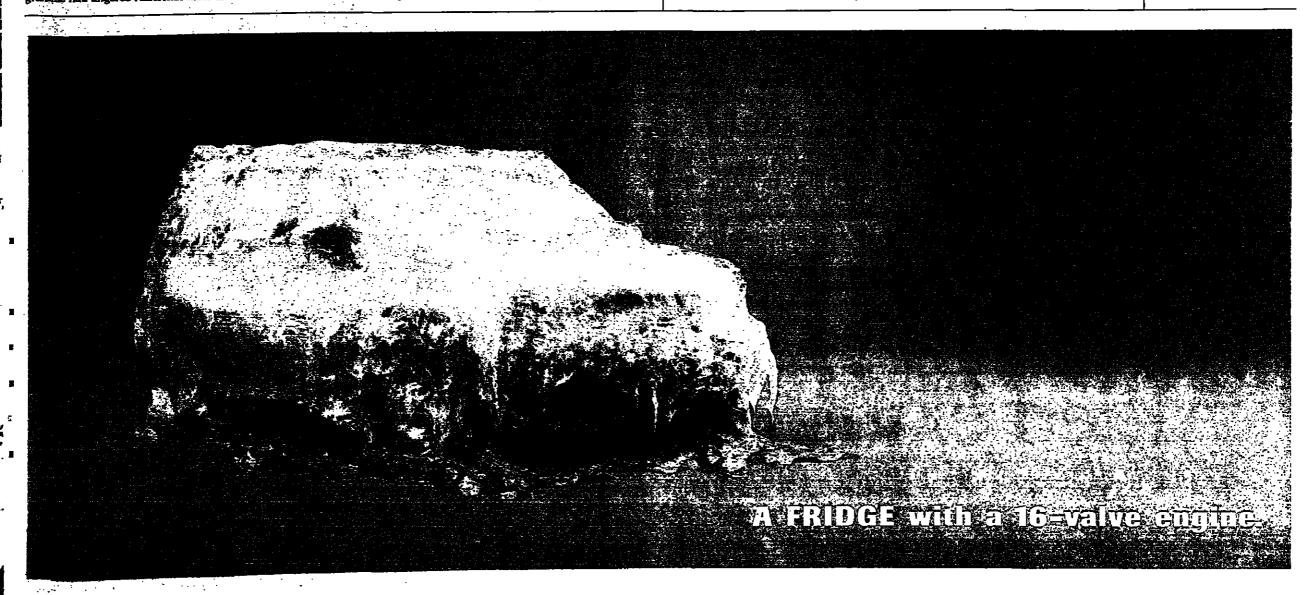
The causes of American road rage are not hard to identify. Seventy per cent of urban freeways are clogged during rush hour and metropolitan drivers spend more than 40 hours a year stuck in

### 24 Paraguay police car cheats sacked

PRESIDENT Wasmosy of Paraguay ordered the arrest yesterday of 24 police chiefs after they were accused of involvement in smuggling stolen cars from Brazil (Gabriella Gamini writes).

Those dismissed were Mario Sapriza, head of the police, six regional commanders and 17 departmental chiefs. A diplomat in Asunción said: "It has left the force totally discredited."

The scandal was triggered by photographs, published this week in the newspaper Noticias, showing the officers making deals with smugglers.



# Palestinian death threat extended to Israel's Arabs

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

THE Palestinian Authority yesterday issued a warning that the death penalty recently imposed on all Arabs under its jurisdiction selling land to Jews would be extended to cover nearly one million Arab citizens of Israel as well. tortured His par firm wa escaped "We as the Israel if they become

The threat was issued by Freih Abu Medein, the Justice Minister, and raised the prospect of death or kidnap squads being sent to dispense vigilante-style justice to suspected Palestinian land dealers living in Israel or abroad.

Palestinian security agents are suspected of killing two Palestinian land agents whose bullet-ridden bodies were dumped in the self-rule city of Ramallah and of murdering another who has disappeared. About 12 others, recently arrested by Palestinian forces are in custody facing execution by firing squad if convicted by the rudimentary Palestinian

Earlier this week a badly wounded land dealer suspected of selling property to Jewish settlers was taken to hospital in the West Bank city of Hebron after being severely

tortured by Palestinian police.
His partner in a local land
firm was reported to have
escaped to Jordan.
"We advise those who carry

the Israeli identity cards that, if they believe that they have become Israeli citizens, then they are mistaken." Abu Medein, a close associate of Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian leader, said. "The Palestinian justice system will apply to them, no matter where they are, and they will be brought to justice in one way or

The minister went on to announce that the authority would soon pass a law imposing the death penalty for the sale of Palestinian land within the state of Israel as well. He said such a law would be upheld by the United Nations General Assembly decision in 1948 declaring that Palestinian refugees must be allowed to return to their homes.

Even before the latest extension of the death penalty for Arabs selling property to Jews, the Israeli Government had branded the legislation "racist" and vowed to bring it before the UN Committee on Human Rights. In the United States, senior politicians have begun steps to block American aid to the Palestinians if the edict is not withdrawn.

The Palestinian Authority,

### Rabin curse conviction

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Jerusalem: An extreme rightwinger who put an ancient Jewish curse on Yitzhak Rabin, the former Labour Prime Minister, a month before his assassination in November 1995, was yesterday convicted in an Israeli court of violating the Prevention of Terrorism Act (Christopher Walker writes). Legal sources said they believed the conviction was the first under the Act for the use of the pulsa denura. The Justice Ministry said Avigdor Eskin could receive a maximum jail term of six years next week.

which operates in parts of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, has no jurisdiction over Palestinians with Israeli identity cards. Binyamin Netanyahu, the right-wing Prime Minister of Israel, has already expressed fury and disgust over the new law. Mr Arafat claims that it is merely the revival of capital punishment initially imposed under Jordanian rule

The capital punishment decree has been backed by calls from leading Muslim clerics for the land dealers to be treated as "infidels" and refused burial in Muslim cemeteries. It took the family of one suspect killed by a Palestinian hit squad nearly two weeks to find somewhere to bury him.

of the West Bank.

Israel has nearly one million Arab citizens, out of a population of more than 5.6 million people. In disputed Jerusalem, where the power of the Palestinian Authority has not been extended, about 180,000 Palestinians have Israeli identity cards, but most kept their Jordanian citizenship after Israel captured the eastern part of the city in 1967.



Protesters begin their demonstration in Kinshasa yesterday. Some were later beaten

### Kabila's troops crack down on protesters in Kinshasa

FROM MATTHEW TOSTEVIN IN KINSHASA

SOLDIERS firing in the air broke up a banned opposition march in Kinshasa yesterday, beating and arresting protesters who had been denouncing the presence of Rwandans among the forces of Laurent Kabila, the self-declared President.

Several thousand supporters of the veteran opposition leader, Etienne Tshisekedi, excluded from the new Kabila Government, took part in the march on the eve of Mr Kabila's inauguration as President of the Democratic Republic of Congo, the re-

"It's dictatorship, but it's even worse now because the oppressors are foreigners," one marcher said after troops broke up the protest.

Soldiers from Mr Kabila's Alliance of Democranic Forces for the Liberation of Congo-Zaire allowed the marchers to cover a few miles before blocking their route. Earlier, thousands of residents lined the streets, cheered the marchers.

"Kabila should have a chance, but we do not want the Rwandans," one student said. "They have got to go." She was among hundreds of

students blocked from joining the march by soldiers in the central Higher Institute of Commerce, once a hotbed of opposition to the ousted former President Mobutu.

"We are here to bring order, that is all," one army commander said.

Soldiers, mainly ethnic Tutsis, broke up the march as it headed for Mr Tshisekedi's home district of Limete. They arrested some marchersand briefly detained journalists, confiscating their film. Mr Kabila was in the southern mining capital of Lubumbashi yesterday.

# Predictable election in Election in

Jakarta: Indonesians go to the polls today knowing that any upset is out of the question. The only electoral uncertainty is how close the Government will get to its projection of 70.02 per cent of the vote.

70.02 per cent of the vote.

That the Government can predict its likely support to two decimal places reveals much about democracy in the country. The 250-plus deaths make this the most violent campaign in 31 years.

### Shipowner killed

Piraeus: Three gunmen killed Constantinos Peratikos, a Greek shipowner whose family-run holdings had come under terrorist threats after closing a big shipyard two years ago. (AP)

### Fish row fines

Ottawa: The salmon fishing dispute between Canada and Washington worsened when Canada, ignoring US pleas, fined three American fishing boats for violating entry regulations in Canadian waters.

### Pilot missing

New York: The woman pilot of a US Air Force Alo Thunderbolt was reported missing after her plane crashed at a training range in Arizona. No trace was found of the body of Captain Amy Lynn Svoboda.

### Khatami plea

Cairo: Muhammad Khatami, Iran's President-elect, said in an article published in the London-based Al-Hayat that the Muslim world should stop antagonising the West and instead understand it. (AP)

### **Unwanted** births

Paris: About 83 million pregnancies each year are unwanted, a United Nations population report said. It blamed cultural, family and political factors for impeding family planning. (AFP)

### Spin mandarins

Hong Kong: Beijing has issued instructions to all Chinese newspapers that news about Hong Kong must be positive and derived exclusively from government sources, Ming Pao reported.



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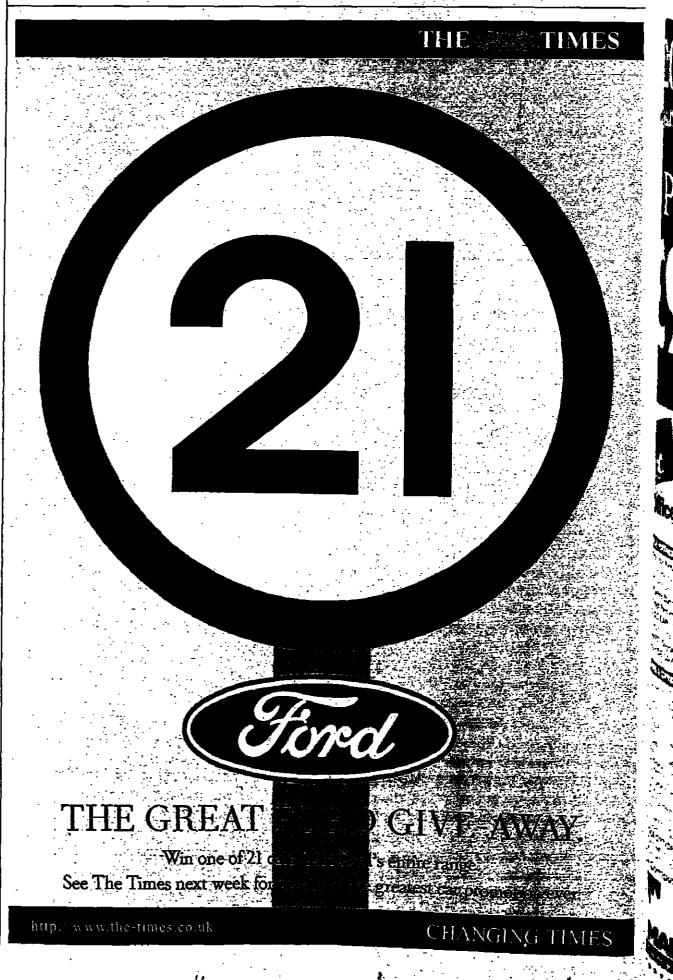
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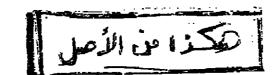
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### Chirac raises election stakes

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FROM BEN MACINTYRE

JACQUES CHIRAC, France's increasingly embattled Presi-dent, yesterday issued yet another plea for voters to keep the ruling centre-right coali-

tion in power.

But by turning the parliamentary election, to be settled by a second-round vote next Sunday, into a personal test of the President's prestige and popularity. M Chirac has dangerously upped the stakes. With the removal of Alain

Juppe, his unpopular Prime Minister, the President usually expected to remain aloof from electioneering has become the leading figure in the Centre-Right's faltering

By repeatedly intervening in the process, the President has left himself dangerously exposed and, even if his allies scrape together another majority, it is likely to be pitifully

M Chirac's address to the nation on Tuesday night, in which he issued a warning against returning to the "socialist ideas of yesterday", was brief and dramatic but largely predictable and lacking a knockout punch, for there is a limit to how far the President can afford to attack the Left when he may shortly be sharing power with it.

Jean-Marie Le Pen, leader of the far-right National Front, derided M Chirac's performance as an admission of defeat: "The President wanted to be as neutral and as flat as possible ... in his mind he is already in the cohabitation he sees as inevitable."

Unless the latest unpublished polls, suggesting an imminent Socialist victory, turn out to be as inaccurate as earlier ones predicting a firstround win for the Centre-Right, then the gamble could prove to have been the most costly of his political career.

Many pundits see the President's predicament as delayed punishment for the broken campaign promises of 1995. Then M Chirac promised lower taxes, reduced unemployment and balm for France's social wounds, instead he delivered higher taxes, raging unemployment and a society more deeply divided

### Business world invited to pour cash into East's evolving democracies

# Clinton urges EU to complete task of Marshall Plan

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN THE HAGUE

PRESIDENT CLINTON yesterday called on Europe to embrace the countries of the former Communist bloc and complete the task promoted by the postwar Marshall Plan. but he proposed no new US programme of aid for the East. In a day of speeches and music to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the US project for rebuilding war-shattered Europe. Mr Clinton led a chorus of leaders who appealed for renewed effort to foster prosperity and democracy in Eastern and Central Europe. At one emotional point in Mr Clinton's afternoon speech, tears welled in the eyes of Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, as the President recounted the German leader's own tale of

Chancellor, said Mr Clinton, was a living symbol of the Marshall Plan. Stalin had deprived the Soviet bloc of a share in US largesse, Mr Clinton said. Europe now had a second chance to complete the job that Marshall and his generation began". A day after Russia and Nato formally buried their Cold War enmity with a new accord. Mr Clinton added: "We can't simply say to

those countries 'We want you

to be free democracies, we

receiving Marshall aid soup

as a boy after the war. The

want you to have economic reform and good luck."
The outside world had fun-nelled \$95 billion (£59 billion) into the former Communist countries since the fall of the Berlin Wall, he noted. That was more than the value now

of the \$13 billion spent by the

US on the Marshall Plan.

Mr Clinton said it was now up to the business world to keep up the flow of private investment needed to bolster the new democracies. He implied that much of the money must come from Europe. Wim Kok, the Dutch Prime Minister, and Jacques Santer, President of the European Commission, added their voices to the call.

Europe's duty to raise its

eyes from EU minutiae to the vision of a greater Europe was a constant theme. Mr Kok said that, by requiring Europe to take responsibility for its affairs, the Marshall Plan had sown the seeds of the European Community. Mr Kok offered to stage a "Euro-Atlantic" conference to coordinate public and private finance for infrastructure in the former Communist states.

Mr Clinton, whose team was preoccupied yesterday by the prospect of a sexual harassment case against him, encouraged the EU to pursue integration

speeding up the entry of new members. "I support European integration ... because we not only are not threatened by it, we are excited by it and want to support it," he said. But he declined to say anything about economic and monetary union, a project which some in the US financial world believe could undermine the dollar's supremacy.

Madeleine Albright, the Secretary of State, said: "It is time we stopped looking at Europe through Rip Van Winkle eyes. It is time to agree that there will not be a truly complete transatlantic partnership in security and trade, or a truly European currency or foreign policy, until it encompasses Europe's new market democracies," she wrote in an article,

The desire of Central and

Eastern European countries to be embraced by the rich Western family was clear in the turnout of heads of state and government here yesterday. Twenty Presidents and former Soviet bloc and southeast Europe were on hand to hear Mr Clinton, while only seven of the EU's 15 leaders made the trip. President Chirac of France, where the Marshall Plan is still associated with America's will to "dominate" Europe, sent René



President Clinton and Queen Beatrix of The Netherlands listen to their national anthems after arriving for the Marshall Plan celebrations in The Hague

Monory, president of the Senate. John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, represented Britain, Mr Clinton said he wanted to "affirm to the people

of Europe: America stands with you. We have learnt the veiled a statue to General Marshall, the late Secretary of lessons of history. We will not walk away. Last night Mr Clinton un-

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### Time to pick new members

By Michael Evans DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

NATO foreign ministers will begin today the countdown to the alliance's expansion into Eastern Europe at a meeting that will focus on the shortlist of candidates eager to join the

Western military club. Although there is fierce lobbying under way to include Romania and Slovenia among the mew members, the minis-ters seem likely to agree on only three candidates - Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary. An invitation to those three countries, which will be made formally at a Nato summit in Madrid in July, will bring into the alliance an additional 248,500 Armed Forces personnel and 1,720 tanks from Poland: 70,000 military personnel and 950 tanks from the Czech Republic; and 64,300 personnel and 835 tanks from Hungary.

France strongly supports Romania's candidature, but the United States and Britain seem unlikely to approve. British diplomatic sources said Romania had "not yet gone far enough with political reform" to merit membership of the alliance. Romania has 228,400 forces personnel and

1,255 tanks. British sources acknowledged that Slovenia, with Armed Forces of only 5,550 and 50 tanks, could join Nato "without any problem". However, they said it was a question of whether the alliance wanted to take in more than three states at this stage.



Hillary Clinton leaves Amsterdam University with Princess Margriet after giving a speech yesterday

### Time has long passed for superhero solutions

FROM ROGER BOYES IN HAMBURG

BILL CLINTON is one of the most academically sophisticated of US Presidents, yet he believes in the magic of American power, the country's ability to play the Marvel Comic superhero in solving the world's ills. Sometimes he is right, but late — as

in the deployment of American forces in Bosnia-Herzegovina. At other times, as in The Hague yesterday, he will invoke an idea without having developed the thought behind it. The Marshall Plan sounds right the

putting a crippled Europe on its feet. Yet the 50-year-old Marshall Plan yields only limited lessons for today. Central and Eastern European economies have been wrecked not by war but by communist central planning. Western aid has to be focused clearly on ensuring that the reborn free market thrives without excessive state interference, that robust democratic

capitalism matures and allows a proper middle class to develop. The key to helping the region is to speed up and encourage privatisation.

institutions spring up, and that raw

United States, in Superman mode, Abount 400 Polish state enterprises are due to be privatised; accelerate that process and opportunities are created

State-owned companies are a natural haven for reconstructed Communists clinging to power, quietly undermining reform; privatising these companies does not always dislodge them (sometimes it merely enriches them) but it changes the tone of political debate

Foreign investment of any kind changes the economic climate for the better. A recent study by the Warsawbased Foreign Trade Research Insti-

foreign participants recorded 77 per cent higher productivity than an average Polish firm.

The Marshall Plan created flawed social market economies in the West. Today's politicians should be concentrating on a "free market" Marshall Plan, and that involves changing philosophy.

Mr Clinton would like to go down in history as the man who won the peace after the Cold War. However, the needs of Central and Eastern Europe are more complicated now. The era of superhero politics has passed.



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Dr Thomas Stuttaford on the diagnosis of schizophrenia; the danger of slimming pills; a cure for colic; living with heart failure; and eating red meat

# A test to predict mental illness

🕆 he time taken to diagnose schizophrenia in the case of Joe, of EastEnders. must have been one of the longest in medical history.

Joe is now receiving the treatment he needs. But if the cause of his unusual behaviour had been understood earlier, and had he been treated with the modern drugs now available, it would have given him an even better chance of making a full recovery. The evidence that the sooner treatment is started, the better the response, is overwhelming.

Psychiatrists have long been aware that there are pointers in someone's behaviour which signal, many years before they suffer a breakdown, that there could be danger ahead.

It would, however, be cruelly restrictive, and an unnecessary blight on too many young lives, as well as causing needless worry to parents, if it is assumed that every introspective, excessively anxious child who is a loner at school. and has a family history of psychotic disease, is advised to lead a life free of competition and tension.

There is also only a difference in degree between much

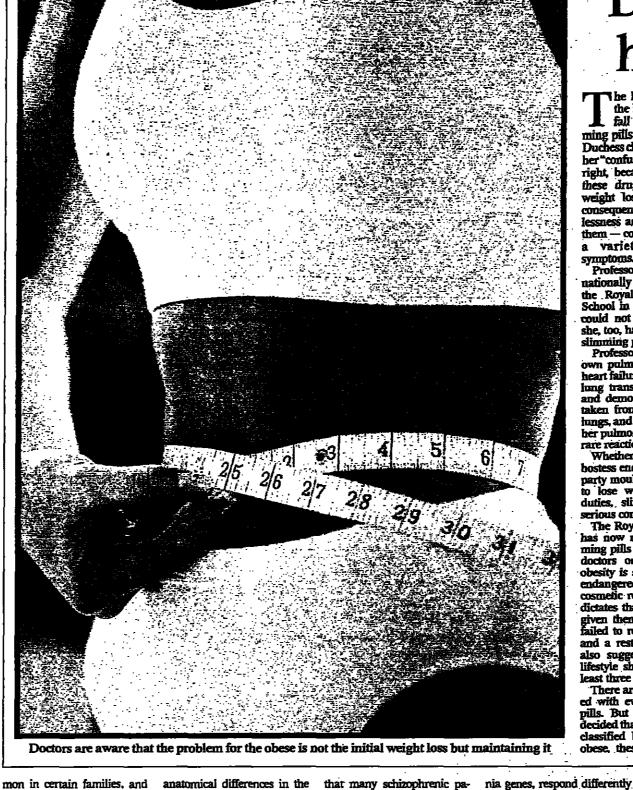
which can foretell future psychiatric troubles. The young person who is excessively withdrawn and moody, socially maladroit, who turns night into day, and vice versa, wears unusual clothes and embraces strange philosophies, may well develop into a successful tycoon, and will not necessarily become either an eccentric

academic or a long-term

patient of a psychiatric unit. All these signs can, however,

be pointers to later Improved methods of diagnosis in which signs and symptoms can be scientifically evaluated are needed so that doctors can give advice which can be made with some certainty, and not based only on speculation, clinical experi-

ence and a hunch. Pioneering work which could provide this type of information, and which might help to predict which members of an affected family are themselves in danger of suffering from schizophrenia, is being undertaken in London. A team led by Dr Tonmoy Sharma is studying the genetics of schizophrenia at the Department of Psychological Medicine at the Institute of Psychiatry.



# 'Diet pills led to heart surgery'

fall from grace on the slimming pills she was prescribed. The Duchess claimed that the pills made her "confused", and she may well be right, because the combination of these drugs — excessively rapid weight loss with its biochemical consequences, together with sleeplessness and excitement caused by them - could well have uncovered a variety of psychological

Professor Julia Polak, the internationally renowned pathologist at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School in Hammersmith, London, could not be more different. But she, too, had problems from taking

slimming pills.
Professor Polak diagnosed her own pulmonary hypertension and heart failure, then agreed to a heartlung transplant. She now teaches and demonstrates with specimens taken from her former heart and lungs, and suspects that the cause of her pulmonary hypertension, was a rare reaction to slimming pills.

Whether the patient is a social bostess endeavouring to fit into the party mould or a doctor who needs to lose weight to carry out her duties, slimming pills can have

The Royal College of Physicians has now recommended that skimming pills should be prescribed by doctors only for patients whose obesity is such that their health is endangered, and never for social or cosmetic reasons. The college also dictates that the patient should be given them only if he or she has failed to respond to more exercise and a restricted calonic diet. It is also suggested that a change in lifestyle should be pursued for at least three months.

There are inherent risks associated with even the safest alimming pills. But the Royal College has decided that for those who would be classified by doctors as clinically obese, these dangers may be less

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he Duchess of York blamed than those associated with carrying the behaviour that led to her around too much fat. In traditional medical terms, the obese, as opposed to the simply overweight, are those patients who are more than 20 per cent heavier than the ideal weight for their height and sex. Being obese increases someone's risk of heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure and arthritis.

The objective in prescribing pills is to attempt to help the patient to establish a better lifestyle. Doctors are aware that the problem for the obese is not the initial weight loss which should never be more than two pounds a week - but the newly acquired slimness. To achieve this maintenance, the target weight loss should not be unrealistically high. The Royal College recommends a loss of 10 per cent of existing weight as being acceptable. This weight loss should not therefore need support by the prescription of drugs.

Professor Michael Lean, of Glasgow University, suggested in The Practitioner magazine that an overweight patient who lost lilb was doing well, and if they managed to lose 22th, the result was

Professor Polak is concerned that the Royal College's report is neither firm nor precise enough, and seems to have been overinfluenced by American thinking. She is not convinced that enough obese patients, who have lost weight with the help of slimming pills, maintain their new found weight to make the risk of the prescription justifiable. There is a real danger that chest physicians will soon have to deal with an epidemic of pulmonary hypertension and heart failure caused by slimming pills. In one American centre, doctors have seen 12 new cases of pulmonary hypertension, which was previously a rare disease. At least some of these cases were the result of taking slimming pills," she said,

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THE thought that prions, which cause BSE in cattle and scrapie in sheep, could be lurking in the lymphatic system of beef or mutton, or that a Sunday joint, or a mid-week pie, might have been a breeding

> men off red meat. Others have been persuaded that the cholesterol content is too high to be good for their arteries. For the past three to five

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ground for E.coli 0157, has been enough to put some

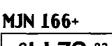
London has been charting the effect on men of switching from red meat to white meat and fish. The clinic doctors have found that the changed eating habits have resulted in a reduction in haemoglobin, the blood pigment which transmits oxygen, of between one and two grammes per decilitre per patient. This would have a similar effect on the blood, in terms of its oxygen-carrying capacity, to losing between one and two pints. For those who persist in avoiding red meat, the clinic is prescribing an easily absorbed iron tablet, together with Vitamin C, in an attempt to persuade their haemoglobin level to return to pre-BSE levels.

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# Growing up and keeping mum

Frances Shand-Kydd: "fascinating life story"

Revelations by the Princess of Wales's mother raise issues of loyalty. Janine di Giovanni asks is there nothing sacred in this confessional age?

hy do they do it? This week's reve-lations in Hello! Frances Shand-Kydd, mother of Diana. Princess of Wales, add another dimension to the confessional chronicles to which we all seem to be subjected. Shand-Kydd, "telling her fascinating life story", has allegedly infuriated her daughter, who was not happy with her mother's gushing. Not only did Shand-Kydd voice her opinion on her daughter's marriage to the Prince of Wales, her interview on Panorama and her bulimia, she also added her two pennyworth about Diana's now defunct title, Her Royal Highness. The Princess is not happy, presumably because she wants to be free to tell us all this herself, with much batting of eyelashes. At any rate. Shand-Kydd's interview threw more light on the issue of parent-and-child loyalty. Now it is a mother dishing her own daughter.

Is nothing sacred any more? I am drawn back to the debate over Kathryn Harrison, author of The Kiss, which has just reached number seven on The New York Times bestseller list (which means big, big money). I have a personal interest in Harrison because I was at school with her, not just any school, but a select, graduate writing pro-gramme in America that taught us all how to gush.

There were about 30 of us in my year, in the middle of a cornfield, in the middle of America. We were at the oldest, most prestigious and highest-profile writing workshop in the country and most of the writers took themselves very seriously. If one believed the publicity, we were the brightest and the best. Our fiction and poetry manuscripts had been fished out from slush piles of thousands. Some of the more pompous believed that some higher hand had reached down and plucked them to be the next John Irving or Raymond Carver, all of whom had roamed the hallowed, faintly antiseptic halls

of the Writers' Workshop. It is now end of term in Iowa City, the time of year when hor-shot agents and editors from Manhattan fly in and inspect the hopeful writers like prize racehorses. Perhaps even Frances Shand-Kydd infuriated the Princess of Wales with her opinions on the Princess's marriage, her bulimia and loss of the title Her Royal Highness

now, some innocent is sitting in a lecture or hiding in a corner at a drinks party given for some prestigious editor or some powerful agent. But they are not thinking, as we thought a decade ago, if I try really, really hard, maybe I can be Raymond Carver and write beautiful, spare prose. No, now they are thinking, if I conjure up my past and reach into all the murk and slime of memory and describe terrible things that happened to me, maybe I can be the next Kathryn Harrison.

arrison was a classmate of mine at the Inwa Writers' Workshop in the mid-1980s. It was shortly after she ended her affair with her father, the subject matter of which is graphically recorded in The Kiss. Because I was a fiction writer and she was a poet, we did not share workshops.

However, her soon-to-be husband Colin, now a senior editor at Harpers Magazine in America and the author of several well-received novels, sat next to me. Like me, he was young, and fresh out of university. The others were older, slicker and more sophisticated: they had come from big jobs in Los Angeles and New. York, and had agents and

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Our workshop leader who was supposed to keep the savage attacks at bay, but in fact encouraged them with glee — was the legendary Esquire fiction editor Rust Hills, whose big advice to us was: write what you know. Two years later, I aban-

doned fiction writing for journalism, largely be-cause, at 23, I did not know a hell of a lot, but others re-Hills's immortal words. Kathryn and Colin got married, moved to New

York and became working proper, Kathryn published two novels, both of which touched upon the subject matter in The Kiss. But it was only with The Kiss — the most talked about book in America -- that

she has become a star: a

controversial star, but a star

nonetheless. The interesting thing about The Kiss phenomenon — and that is exactly what it is - is the readers' reaction. Five years ago, its author would have been branded self-indulgent, perhaps as a loony. Now, Harrison is the darling of the publishing world, largely because, according to Joe Pilla from Rizzoli's in New York (a barometer for what the cognoscenti are reading): "She is elegenic and tours well, and sadly, that is what sells books these days." And also because people have an innate desire to hear about others' misfortunes or gruesome lives. Memoirs are big business these days. According to Kim Witherspoon, a leading New York

Witherspoon lists a few of them, first published in America and many brought here. Some are so odd they make Harrison's graphic confession appear tame. There is Mary Karr's The Liar's Club, which describes her miserable child-

agent: "The memoir is the new

hood in east Texas; there is When an extract was pub-Naomi Wolf's embarrassing Promiscuities about her early coming of age in San Francisco (dressed up as a feminine treatise, but a memoir, and a self-indulgent one at that). There is Autobiography of a Face by Lucy Grealy, which

describes a gruelling child-hood battle with cancer of the jaw, weird A Match to the Heart: One them were Woman's Story of Being Struck by furious Lightning Gretel Ehrlich. that I had

exposed

The one subject no one mentioned concerning The Kiss is betrayal. something and the nature of the father-daughter relationship. I was reminded of this when I

watched Melissa Bell loyally trudge after her father, Martin. on the campaign trail, or Cosima von Bulow, who lost out on an inheritance because she was the only one of his children to stick by Claus. How did Harrison justify the damage that this book would ·cause her father? Perhaps it was the ultimate revenge, or perhaps it was simply a way of destroying his life the way she perceived that he destroyed hers. Obviously, Harrison's book, which is beautifully crafted, acted as some form of therapy, but one wonders if she might have done that in her diaries and with her

now struggling to write a memoir of my own father, who - luckily for me, but boringly for the reader - did not seduce me. However, it is still not easy: it is painful and uncomfortable to dredge up childhood hurts and fears, and worse. I wonder as I write them if I am completely accurate. Suppose what my fiveyear-old mind sees as the absolute truth, in fact, was not? And at what point does something remain silent?

I say this as someone who is

biographical." She pauses "Once you get over the initial lished in this paper, I received embarrassment of writing three phone calls from three members of my family and about yourself ... it's very one from an ex-boyfriend, and liberating. The cult of the memoir. The all of them were furious that I had exposed something temptation to spill one's guts. however complimentary. how-It was one thing for wacky

ever moving - about a very novelists and poets to do it. but private matter. Frances Shand-Kydd? Is it It was inevitable that it liberating? Painful? Shameful? would happen, but last month. Or is it, as Kathryn Harrian American reporter unson's father suggested, simply earthed Harrison's father, a retired Protestant minister living in the South. His take on The Kiss? "You say that Kathryn has said that she had an affair with me? I guess if want to believe that golly." When asked if he had a sexual relationship, he replied that "the girl writes fiction".

Elisa Segrave, a talented British writer who published Diary of a Breast in 1995 about her heartbreaking, yet often hilarious encounters with breast cancer, has published her first novel, Ten Men. Segrave is English so not of the American tell-all mode, but she still admits that Ten Men is a memoir in disguise.

Was he telling the truth? Is she

telling the truth? It doesn't

matter. The Kiss is already a

n many ways, her family life, was as tragic as Harrison's. "Some of what I had written about in the book, particularly about my father and two of my brothers, is very dark," she says. "My father died of cirrhosis of the liver, and one brother drowned, aged five My second brother declined into drink and drugs while a teenager. He died on his 24th

Segrave did find it painful to dredge up the memories, but she did not really think about her surviving family. "It might have upset my mother, but she has Alzheimer's," she says. "My 15-year-old daughter has accepted it, although she made me take out one passage in the book, and has asked me not to make my next book so auto-

### Years of hard labour end in the dole queue

New Labour researchers are now iobless, says Jesse Armstrong

IT IS not just former Tory MPs buried in the Labour landslide who are facing redundancy. Political workers from both parties are suddenly finding themselves in the job market. Labour workers are dis-

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covering that there is no cosy gravy train that leads from party office into government. Many of the nearly 200 researchers, assistants and secretaries to former Shadow Ministers.

like myself, face the irony that a has tipped us onto the dole queue.

if you are a policy expert who can hold your own with specialist civil a proud servants, or an assistant with spin-doctoring talents, there are posts available

as special advisers and and many TV and radio aides. But most young Labour researchers will be moving on.

There is, of course, huge pleasure for researchers when their bosses take up government posts. My former employer, Doug Henderson, became the new Minister for Europe. But mixed with the pleasure of his triumph, there is a little regret. For as our bosses attain power, we lose it. The secretary of a former

Shadow Cabinet Member says ruefully: "I feel like I've lost all my power." The phones that once never stopped ringing are silent now as he assumes real power and his ministerial private office takes over.

Down the corridor from my office, a room is full of young people who used to work 12-hour days for their boss, another new Cabinet Minister. Now they sit among cardboard boxes. reading the papers, waiting to hear who will be following him into office and who

ly involved with my employ-er's political career, now I follow it mostly on television and radio - I read of his appointment on Ceefax. In the days following the election. I became a news junkie, watching every IV bulletin with the sound down so I could listen to the radio, too,

Watching a politician you have served take up the reins of power makes you feel simulta-

neously like a Watching proud parent and a spurned an ex-boss lover. Many of the makes you feel like

parent'

Labour Party workers pushed ical nest by civil servants have already secured post-election work. Think tanks, lobbyists.

PR companies companies are interested in bright young people with a sound knowledge of the Labour Party. Some researchers chose to depart before the election was called. Cutting ties was hard for them - the buzz of the election meant that one I know used to work a long day as a researcher at a TV production company and then spend a night on the phones as a volunteer.

OTHER workers were seconded from firms such as Andersen Consulting and Coopers & Lybrand and can now return after their political fix. Yet others will find work with ambitious backbenchers among the huge intake of Labour MPs.

I decided before the election that when it was over I would leave politics for a while. But having to leave a job because your boss has become a Minister must be one of the most satisfying reasons to seek a new

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# Why Scots Tories may go it alone

Rifkind is right to rethink party

dogma, says Magnus Linklater

Politics may not be the Brussels on its high-minded approach to employment law. most original concept Nevertheless, for the first time of our time, but it does have a in more than a decade, it sets comforting ring to it, particuout a course ahead for a party larly for a party which he that has for far too long been describes, rather unflatteringat odds with the people it claims to represent. The fact ly, as "an extra-parliamentary rump". The Law, as set out by that it comes from Malcolm Mr Rifkind, says: "What goes down, must come up." His Tory colleagues in Scotland will be greatly relieved: it's the Rifkind, whose own constitutional journey has not been without incident, makes it doubly compelling. He was himself a devolufirst good news they've heard

tionist once, and a most arricu-Perhaps more important is late and persuasive one at the way the former Foreign that. Under Edward Heath he Secretary sees it happening. supported the idea of a legisla-North of the border, where tive assembly in Edinburgh, there are no Tory MPs any though he stopped short of the longer, the only evidence of returning life has been the notion that it should have executive powers. Then, conmuffled sound of complaint, templating the third reading internal dissent and bitter recrimination. That is not of Labour's Scotland Bill in wholly surprising. When de-1978, he realised that what was being proposed was a constitufeat has been so massive, it takes time to think coherently mess, a set of illthought-out proposals he could not possibly vote for. With Scotland itself divided about what has just happened. let alone to work out a counterstrategy. It is a political form of post-traumatic stress about its merits, he was able to argue that reform was neither disorder, deserving sympathy beneficial nor wanted. That rather than condemnation. has been his position ever Sooner or later, however, someone needs to come along since, and, as a good lawyer. he has argued the case with and show the way forward, some conviction. Now, both rather like the psychologist William Rivers in Pat Barker's propositions have changed. First World War Although he clearly trilogy, steering his still thinks that Lab-

He wants to work within a devolved UK. Under Thatcher,

our's proposals are

unsatisfactory, he

recognises that a

parliament is want-

ed and that the Con-

servatives' respon-

sibility should be to

make it work effect-

ively when it hap-

pens, rather than

boycotting it, and to

e is, therefore, pro-

posing a new Scottish

Tory party, one that

will have greater autonomy

from London, which will be

unionist in instinct but Scottish in action. There will be no

question of breaking away

from Central Office, because it

will still regard itself as Brit-

ish, but it will have its own

priorities, contesting council

seats and seeking representa-

tion in the new parliament on its Scottish rather than its

Westminster credentials. Its

first task will be to challenge

Labour's devolution plans.

Does the new parliament real-

ly need 129 seats - half as

many again as Norway's? Will

the Secretary of State be more

than a token minister? Who

will persuade the Treasury

that Scotland still deserves 20

per cent more per head than

But if Mr Rifkind's lead is

followed, the party will take its

place in the new parliament, to

argue Scotland's case in a

forum where, under propor-

tional representation, it will

again have a say. I doubt if Mr

Rifkind himself will pick up

the leadership baton: he is un-

likely to relish the task of re-

building Tory strength in Scot-

land alone. But I can see him in the role of party ideologue,

perhaps a latterday equivalent

of Lord John Russell, the

architect of the 1832 Reform

Act, who was also a graduate

of Edinburgh University. And

if Rifkind's Law is seen to

work north of the border, there

may be those who begin to

speculate whether he might

not be the man to forge a party

recovery further south . . .

England in its budget?

Scotsman yester-day, Mr Rifkind set out a plan for the wholesale makethat view over of the Tory party in Scotland. It was treason was not enough, he

said, to be an Oppo-sition simply waiting for the Nationalists achieving political pendulum to swing back. The Tories must reinvent themselves, become a modern, reformed party in tune with a new middle class. re-establish its credentials with the electorate, and start winning people over while ples. It must be "unmistakably Scottish" and "unashamedly Unionist". It needs new blood: it needs an open and accountable hierarchy; it needs a "more explicit Scottish political identity".

shell-shocked pa-

tients towards even-

tual recovery.
Writing in The

Above all, it needs to redefine its whole attitude to devolution, which means being a party of innovation rather than reaction. This is a fairly challenging idea for an organisation that has not moved significantly on this issue for close on two decades. Instead of irredeemable hostility to constitu-tional change, he argues, the Tories should present their case in "a responsible and mature way", attacking government policy where it is seen to be flawed, but acknowledging that a Scottish parliament is likely to go ahead. And when that happens, it should accept the democratic verdict, and - crucially - work within a new devolved United

Kingdom". Phew! For those who have been spared the turbulence of Scottish politics over the past 18 years, it is hard to convey just how revolutionary those simple words sound. Under Margaret Thatcher they were tantamount to treason. Under Michael Forsyth they were a matter for withering contempt. Even now it is a bit like hearing Fidel Castro praise his good friends in Washington or

new venture in economic diplomacy.
The Marshall Plan, America's most unsordid act. sent \$13 billion dollars (more than \$80 billion today) to Western Europe between 1948 and 1951. Stalin spurned the offer, and forbade Eastern Europe to join in.

Now the President wants to revisit Now the President wants to revisit history. He proposes that the European Union and private investors take the lead in creating a new economic initiative, this time to Eastern Europe and Russia. The goal will be to revitalise economies and infrastuctures, just as the Marshall Plan did for Western Europe. This is the right proposal at the right time.

Mr Clinton has emphasised that the EU must provide the lion's share of aid for his plan, and he is right to do so. He should also advise Mr Blair and other Western European leaders that the most important thing they can do for Eastern Europe is to provide not a barely credible military guarantee through Nato, but a com-mitment to the former Communist states - including Russia - that they will be admitted to the EU when they meet the necessary conditions. Such a promise would provide the most effective possible spur for the painful rationalisation that these countries

still desperately need. But as the events of the past five years have proven, the EU is not ready to go it alone when it comes to

A new generation of Americans is no longer ready to send aid to Eastern Europe, says Diane Kunz used the 50th anniversary of the Marshall Plan to call for a

# Bill's Marshall Plan: you foot the bill

succeed, the United States must play a role and pay a share of the cost. It is unclear whether the President is offering anything more than rhetori-cal support, but if he really wants to muster concrete American support for a second Marshall Plan, he will

find it rough going in Congress.

The received wisdom about Marshall Aid is wrong. In 1947, the American public was not eager to fund yet another aid programme to Europe. After all, in the two years after 1945 the US had given over \$20 billion. The first of the factors that brought about the Marshall Plan was the dire economic plight of Europe. The winter of 1946-47 was one of the worst on record. Frozen trains and closed factories put paid to the notion that a

European recovery was in the works. Half a century ago, the United States had an elite that based its policymaking on two axioms: America would ignore Europe's plight at its peril, and party politics stopped at the water's edge. President Truman, a Democrat, could call on the support of the Republican Senator Arthur Vandenberg and chief Republican foreign policy spokesman John Foster Dulles to work unstitutingly for his initiative. The great and the good trooped down to Washington to plead for Congressional support while Dean Acheson travelled throughout the country drumming up local enthusiasm. Most of the 12 million Americans who served in the war

Most importantly, American lead-ers worried about Stalin. Until Febmary 1948, it was not clear that Marshall Aid would pass Congress. But the Communist coup in Czechoslovakia ended any serious challenge to it. The Soviet threat propelled all Americans to support a plan that substituted red ink for red blood.

had first-hand experience of a devas-

tated Europe.

How much has changed. The plight of Eastern Europe today is less visible than it was 50 years ago. The facts, though, are grim, particularly

dropped by seven years since 1991. Deaths exceed births. Diptheria. polio and tuberculosis are spreading unchecked as health services

Fifty years ago, American diplomats such as George Kennan and Will Clayton saw that economic chaos could bring communism. Today, many Rossians and other Eastern Europeans equate capitalism with robbery, dishonesty and economic collapse. These nascent democracies may well pay the price for our economic indifference.

And yet these facts have fallen off the American radar-screen. While modern media have shrunk the globe, the amount of international news assimilated by the average American has decreased. Newspapers have found that foreign coverage is the kiss of death for circulations. and have reacted accordingly. The TV networks have closed many foreign bureaux. Lacking any knowledge of what is happening abroad, the American public and its legisla-

tors can hardly be faulted for refusing to get involved.

The foreign policy establishment that spearheaded Marshall Aid no longer exists. Unlike their fathers, today's yuppies have no visceral involvement with European security. The more successful the baby-boomer, the more likely it is he spent no time in the military. Winning the war time in the military. Winning the war gave an older generation of Americans a stake in winning the peace, but this is not shared by their children.

The Cold War created the logic of American foreign policy. For 45 years there was an instant rationale for every initiative. They won - we lost: zero-sum game at every moment. With the world divided into two armed camps, everything mattered to everyone; now, it seems, nothing does. Economic self-sufficency and unthreatened borders once again insulate and isolate the United States; the post-war foreign policy triggers no longer function. The theory that it is far cheaper to fight the forest fire before your house is actually burning (Roosevelt's rationale for lend-lease

now falls on deaf ears. Perhaps Clinton will be able to break with recent tradition and create an American coalition in favour of a peacetime prophylactic foreign pol-icy. But I wouldn't bet on it.

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# So is Chirac for the chop?

France is about to

deliver a harsh

verdict — not just

on Juppé, but

on the President

e Monde gets to the heart of the French elections. Yesterday's leading article places the responsibility for the Government's disaster in the first round of the Assembly elections not on the unfortunate Prime Minister, Alain Juppé, but on President Chirac. The faults which the French have rightly perceived amount to a crisis of confidence in Jacques Chirac himself: the continuous temptation to monopolise power; the reluctance to enter dialogue or accept the point of view of those who do not share his own; the certainty that it is a waste of time to explain himself." But the crisis of confidence goes deeper than that: it is more than a matter of style. M Chirac won seven years of power in 1995 by making promises he has not even tried to keep. He was elected because he promised to cut taxes and reduce unemployment: under him, taxes and unemployment have both gone up. His period of office will run until 2002, yet France is in a worse state than when he became President.

The final figures in the first round of the elections show just how disillusioned the French voters have become. It is not only that the parties of the Right won 36 per cent of the votes cast against 42 per cent for the combined Left. No fewer than 32 per cent of the electorate abstained, plus the 5 per cent who expressed their protest by casting blank papers. If one takes the abstainers and those who voted for the National Front, one gets a combined vote of indifference or protest of more than 47 per cent of the electorate, twice the proportion of those who voted for the Government. President Chirac has met this massive vote of no confidence by telling M Juppé that he will have to go, even if the Government should win in the second round. It may work; some commentators still think it will: I cannot see why it should, except that Lionel Jospin's Socialist Party is a quite unreformed tax-and-spend party in alliance with the Communists. The French have every reason to abstain: they face a most unsatisfac-

tory choice. The election result makes it rather more likely that Europe will end up with a soft single currency. The most probable outcome is that the Left will win the second round of the election,



as they won the first. The French Socialists have always been in favour of a single currency. Indeed it was a Socialist President (François Mitterrand) and a French Socialist President of the Commission (Jacques Delors) who were responsible with Helmut Kohl for the Maastricht treaty and the single currency proposal. Lionel Jospin has, however, laid down his own conditions for the euro. The large Mediterranean countries, Spain and Italy, must be allowed to join in the first round; there must be more concentration on reducing unemployment; and there must be a political structure to balance the power of the European central bank. He is also committed to creating 700,000 new jobs, which cannot be

done without spending money.

A politicised euro, with a greater commitment to high employment, Italian membership and Italian debts, cannot be squared with the Treaty of Maastricht, but it might suit the convenience of some Euro-pean governments. The big question is whether the Germans would reject it, either in their election next year, or because the German Constitutional Court might find it contrary to the Basic Law. There is the subsidiary question of whether Britain would wish to join such a currency. A soft euro might be easier to join than a hard one, but it might also push sterling to too high an exchange rate

at entry. In any case, what would be the point? If we want to, we can create a weak currency of our own, as we have repeatedly done in the past. Even if the dismissal of M Juppé

does allow the French Government to sneak home in the election, it will not amount even to the damaged and unpopular Government that left office. The Right, if re-elected, may have to be led by Philippe Seguin, the chief opponent of the Maastricht treaty in the French referendum. Admittedly he now says that he accepts the democratic verdict of that referendum and is in favour of a single currency (if rather grudgingly), but he seems, like M Jospin, to be in favour only of a soft euro, one which is compatible with reflating the French economy. M Seguin's supporters say that he wants to make "a synthesis of liberal and social convictions". It is too vague a formula for a strong currency or, for that matter, a strong

M Séguin is not certain to become prime minister, even if the governing parties should again be in the major-

ity. The President could conceivably call on his old friend and one-time rival. Edouard Balladur, who has a gift for confusing ideology equal to that of M Seguin. He has told Le Monde that he "refuses to copy the Anglo-Saxon model", but wants toinvent a liberalism in the French style". If the majority had an unexpectedly large victory, and M Balladur again became Prime Minister, France could shift back to the discredited policies of Alain Juppé.

But that is not likely to happen.

The truth may be that France has outgrown the Gaullist constitution of 1958. The presidency was designed to give disproportionate power to de Gaulle at a time of national crisis. He was constituted an elected dictator with a seven-year term. Jacques Chirac, nearly 40 years later, is the fifth President of France under this constitution. With some fluctuation, each president has become less and less satisfactory in office, down to the scandals and sinister manipulations of Mitterrand's presidency. Jacques Chirac is perhaps the least effective of the five. Apart from his failure to follow the policies on which he was elected, he miscalculated when calling this election, and has damaged and perhaps destroyed his own Government. If he has to cohabit with an unreformed Socialist coalition, the rest of his presidency may be a prolonged, perhaps agonising, failworks, not a presidential system which stops it working.

The other truth, which the Euro-

pean governments have been determined not to face, is that the Maastricht treaty was from the beginning a deadly threat to the European governments. In England, the treaty was kept under wraps in the 1992 election. but the single currency policy tore apart the Conservative administra-tion, leading eventually to the 1997 landslide. In France, the last Assembly elections resulted in a landslide against the Socialists, because the French economy was already in obvious decline. The new Government itself became unpopular, but there was just enough momentum for President Chirac to be elected on a set of false promises. Now his Prime Minister, M Juppe, has had to go, and the Gaullists have had their smallest vote since 1958. The Maastricht criteria, let alone the single currency, if it is ever introduced, take away the ability of elected governments to determine their own economic policies. Maastricht destroyed the unity of the Conservative Party in Britain, even after the Government regained its freedom by leaving the exchange rate mechanism. It is a rogue elephant in the vineyard of Europe

the French election already makes it probable that the single currency on offer will be a weak one, loaded with debts and deficits. At present, Europe enjoys the benefit of the strong German mark, which acts as an anchor for countries that choose to operate the exchange-rate mechanism. Even though sterling floats relative to the mark, Britain benefits from there being at least one strong international currency in Europe. The Germans have enjoyed 40 years of the mark's stability, and of relative freedom from inflation. They see the mark as a powerful symbol of their post-war success, and are proud of it. One can see that the Germans might be willing to exchange the mark for a strong European currency
"as good as the mark". That was never really on offer. Any single European currency would be affected by the less disciplined finances and eaker economies of the other nations. But it was arguable, if never wholly credible, that the Maastricht criteria would produce a single currency only a little weaker than the mark. Nobody can now expect that Whatever happens on Sunday, the next French Government will not meet the Maastricht criteria, and cannot insist that others do so. A Séguin euro would be a soft euro; a Jospin euro would be even softer. Britain would be foolish to join such a soft currency; Germany would be

# Spendthrift

Lord Chancellor, is first out of the traps in the race to spruce up his official residence at the taxpayers' expense. He is planning to refurbish the flat above his rooms in the House of Lords at a rumoured cost of £400,000. His predecessor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, never felt the need to decorate the flat during ten years in office, but the new man has arrived with grand ideas.

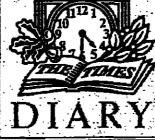


The try-on Chancellor

"Yes, he is considering having it refurbished," confirms an underling at the Lord Chancellor's office. "He hasn't started yet because he has not decided what he wants." But Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, who once occupied the residence, was surprised by the figure. "The flat is not very large - a man could live there with his wife." he said. "I don't think I would have spent that amount of money, but then I am rather mean by nature."

### Left luggage

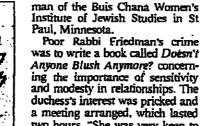
ASIDE from Diana, Princess of Wales, the spectacle at Louis Vuitton's fundraising lunch yesterday for Junior Friends of the Royal Marsden Hospital was provided by pop singer Adam Ant. Dressed in a bushranger's hat and snakeskin suit, he was accompanied by a lady wearing a Vivienne Westwood bumbag, which made for some discomfort during the sit-down meal. The pair, on a table next to the Princess, quite eclipsed the heavy-hand-



ed style of all those big-haired ladies who lunch.

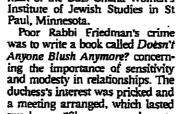
the job, blaming stress.

### Bit of blusher



● At the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden, there is handwringing after the arrival of the summer edition of Opera House, the institution's glossy magazine. Prominence is given to a feature headlined "Settling In", in which Genista McIntosh "looks to the future" as chief executive. The magazine hit subscribers' doormats two weeks after Genista resigned from





College days
THESE are heady days at Pembroke College, Oxford, following duchess's interest was pricked and a meeting arranged, which lasted two hours. "She was very keen to

meet a Hasidic rabbi," says Friedman. The pair discussed philanthropy and the traditional pushke



Duchess of charity

Friedman told the duchess. Expect one at Southyork soon.

charity box found in Jewish homes

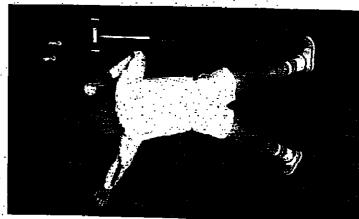
for the collection of spare change.

'It creates the sound of charity."

the appointment of Phil Lader, an old friend of Bill Clinton's, as American Ambassador to London. Lader read law at Pembroke as a young man and is an honorary fellow. Sir John Kerr, the British Ambassador to Washington, is also a Pembroke graduate and honorary fellow. With Kerr on his way home, Robert Stevens, the Master of Pernbroke, is heaving with pride and planning a reunion. "When Phil comes over and Sir John returns, we'll be organising a spectacular dinner to celebrate," he says.

### Hoopla

SPLENETIC outbursts have marred the start to the croquet season at the Hurlingham Club in south London, home of the vicious sport. Mallets are to be locked up.



stark mad to do so.

Hurlingham members have been floored by news of the thefts

for the first time, after a spate of locker-room thefts at the £620-ayear institution.

Members now have to apply for special permission from lockerroom officials to use the mallets, and novices may be denied access to the better brands of mallet such as Teltrons and Rileys, which are worth up to £1,000 each. Some members are so upset by the move that they are threatening to boycott the Hurlingham Open Tournament in August. "It is against the whole spirit of the club," says one.

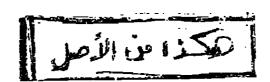
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"It suggests that our members are light-fingered which is in itself a gross insult."

• American Embassy officials dealing with President Clinton's visit today are only too pleased that he has decided not to say over for the night. Tust one highes stop-over with his entourage would mean having to book 500 hotel rooms," explained one of them.

Stational ...

Diane Kum





### **AMERICAN LESSONS**

Blair must ultimately choose between Clinton and Santer

These are days of milk and honey for the Prime Minister. Last week he was hailed by Jacques Santer for his new and "constructive" approach to the European Union. In Paris this week he made his introduction to the international stage. Today in London he and his Cabinet entertain President Clinton amid suggestions on all sides that Anglo-American relations will reach an intimacy exceeding even that which existed between Ronald Reagan and Margaret Thatcher.

Tony Blair should enjoy this while it lasts. He cannot be the toast of both Brussels and Washington for much longer. In theory there is no reason why the British Prime Minister should not be able to engage both the United States (and the wider global economy) and the European Union with equal passion. In practice, those now at the heart of the drive for European integration will not trust him or include him if he does.

The purpose of the Maastricht treaty and the prospective Amsterdam treaty is not to restructure Western Europe for amicable economic competition and intense security co-operation with the United States. It is instead to protect Europe from the consequences of economic competition and to prepare the way for a separate defence identity from Nato.

That dilemma has rarely been appreciated by British politicians. Yet it has existed since the then European Economic Community was first mooted. It has always been an exceptionally difficult conundrum for a country whose language, history, and part of its trade face in one direction but whose local interests and the rest of its exports face the other. Two senior postwar figures, Ernest Bevin and Edward Heath, saw the choice most starkly and arrived at radically different answers.

For Bevin, the wider world and especially the United States was the priority. Britain should remain "different in character" from other European nations and "fundamentally incapable of whole-hearted integration" with them. For Heath the opposite was true, Under his tenure the term "special relationship" disappeared from Downing Street press statements. The most he would ever concede was that Britain and the United

States shared a "natural relationship". American statesmen have been no more coherent. Every President since Franklin Roosevelt has urged his British counterpart to become more closely involved in European questions. Bill Clinton will doubtless echo that. But these same administrations have all deceived themselves that the United States could retain the same military and intelligence links - and a transatlantic alliance on trade issues - with a United Kingdom at the centre of the EU enterprise. The two are incompatible.

It is unlikely that such issues will dominate the Cabinet discussions with Mr Clinton this morning. Many in the Labour Party seek advice from the President and his entourage on one subject alone: successful re-election. On this question, Mr Clinton does indeed have an interesting story to tell those assembled today. It is one they should be willing to consider in full.

Mr Clinton has survived and prospered, often against considerable odds, because of a set of decisions during his tenure which have neither all been taken by him nor taken to his liking. He has presided over a progressive but orderly fall in the American budget deficit, a modest retrenchment of the federal government, a dynamic economy based on an imaginative monetary policy pursued by an exceptionally creative central bank chairman, and the persistent expansion of free trade and all overseas markets.

That is not a message that will be much appreciated by "old" Labour. Nor, on the basis of his initial actions, will it be adopted by Gordon Brown. It certainly could and should, however, be accepted by the most enlightened figures within new Labour. On economic matters there is much that Britain can gain from the United States and Tony Blair can learn from Bill Clinton. The problem for this Prime Minister, like so many of his predecessors, is how to reconcile those lessons with his stance towards a European Union that seems ever more determined to resist them.

### AN AFRICAN COUP

A confusing test for Cook's moral foreign policy

There could hardly be a clearer case of military adventurism and criminal conspiracy than the coup by junior officers in Sierra Leone. It recalls the all too common assaults on democracy that were accepted with a shrug by the West 20 years ago but are now condemned both by fellow Africans and the friends of Africa abroad.

The plotters are led by a man who was in prison awaiting trial for attempts to overthrow the democratically elected Government of President Kabbah. Major Johnny Koromah rallied freed criminals to his cause and has been supported by rebel groups that have been marauding through the country's interior for the past five years. This should surely be an obvious test for Labour's policy of giving greater attention to human rights.

Yet, as often when morality and diplomacy meet, the best outcome is hard to find. The Government has hinted that it will seek Sierra Leone's expulsion from the Commonwealth at this autumn's summit. It may use a July meeting of an action group intended to keep up the pressure on Nigeria to argue that sanctions should be applied to Sierra Leone. This would be an understandable reaction. But it may well have little effect. Commonwealth membership is increasingly seen as a valuable democratic yardstick by countries seeking aid and investment; Sierra Leone's new rulers appear so far indifferent to anything except their own enrichment.

The country deserves better. One of the poorest in the world, exploited by international mining concerns. Sierra Leone has seen a decade of turbulence. Violence in

neighbouring Liberia spilled across the border encouraging rebels in the interior whose aims were as ill-defined as the violence they employed. Frustration at corruption and military incompetence provoked the coup by Captain Valentine Strasser, who in turn was ousted two years ago.

Since then the country has made halting attempts to return to normality: elections were successfully held, international aid agencies returned and the United Nations poured in food and aid to help refugees from the long civil war. That food has now been looted, foreign nationals are being evacuated and the patient attempts to heal the wounds of war appear to be dashed.

The coup, however, does not look solid. Nigerian troops who were attempting to enforce peace in Liberia have secured the airport at Freetown, and Nigeria is now threatening to intervene. This would be a clever move by General Sani Abacha, himself under growing international pressure to accelerate the return to democracy in his country. The Commonwealth has condemned the coup plotters, as has the Organisation of African Unity. Were General Abacha to pose as the saviour of democracy in West Africa, he could deflect pressure from the Commonwealth, and especially now from a Labour Government, for tougher sanctions against his own country. Mr Cook would like a clear-cut case to demonstrate his commitment to human rights; but in Sierra Leone he can find only a mixture of cynicism and opportunism where politics leave little room for moral choice.

### **MERCATOR'S PERFECTION**

Old maps for mental travel, but new maps for getting there

The world's first atlas went on display at the British Library yesterday, bought with a grant of £500,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund. Men had been trying to map their worlds for 80 centuries before the Dutchman known by his Latinised name, Mercator. But his was the first comprehensive map. He was the first to call his work an atlas, after the Greek Titan who was supposed to carry the universe on his shoulders. Even at a time when the superstitious may have believed in Atlas, his was a mythical exploit.

Mercator's atlas, however, was a giant step for navigators, generals and other world-shakers. His cylindrical projection made possible the accurate placement of longitude, latitude, meridians and parallels. It offered a degree of accuracy which had never before been available to seamen, travellers or ambitious geopoliticians. It defined Europe geographically and culturally for Mercator's contemporaries. It guided the merchant venturers less haphazardly to their new worlds. And it literally changed the way man looked at his old world.

And for all its faults, its influence is still strong. London's southward suburban sprawl has nearly fulfilled Mercator's projection that Surrey was a town. Politically tactful modern atlases try to correct his Eurocentric view of the world. And a map with Meoca as the centre of the world, as it still is for millions, shows the battle of Poitiers which finally stopped the advance of

Islam away on the world's rim, with Britain out of sight beyond the pale. Mercator distorts the greater the farther that his latitudes depart from the equator. So Greenland is shown with enormously exaggerated size although its shape is preserved. Europe and the temperate latitudes of Russia and China look comparatively smaller. And the great equatorial spaces of Africa and Brazil dwindle to insignificance. Mercator's impression of the relative sizes of countries was as misleading a guide for the imperial ambitions of Napoleon and Hitler as it would be for the modern motorist to Milton Keynes.

But it is of unique interest to cartographers and scholars. For it puts the world's crown on the library's collection of early maps, which is the finest in the world. Even to non-scholars it is a document of beauty and romance, charting a step up the ladder of the intellectual advance of man. Old ideas of the world have a long grip. The man in the street's view of the universe is still Newtonian; Einstein and Rutherford might never have existed. Pretentious or nostalgic buffers still go on tour with their 1895 editions of Baedeker. Mercator's atlas is a world treasure. It still shapes most people's picture of the world. But for driving to Milton Keynes the motorist should consult a road atlas. This too will probably be out of date; man still has his reverence for old maps. But at least it may show parts of the M1.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR I Pennington Street, London Ei 9XN Telephone 0171-782 5000

### New Labour and approach to EU

From the Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Sir. The changes to the European Union treaties which we are negotiating are modest compared with those agreed by the Conservative Government in the Single European Act and at Maastricht. Yet John Redwood (article, "Amsterdam is the end of Britain", May 24) has strung together several misleading quotations and assertions and liberally sprinkled them with alarmist language so as to arrive at a plot which threatens the very fibre of the British nation.

Let me point out a few of the holes in his leaky argument. On foreign policy he uses two quotations from the draft Amsterdam treaty which are taken word for word from article J.I of the Maastricht treaty, which the Conservative Government signed in 1992. I am unaware of any serious sugges tion that this article has had the effect which he claims of the United King-dom being bound hand and foot by decisions it did not support.

Mr Redwood also manages to imply that the Amsterdam treaty would create some new legal order - but again he quotes from the 1992 treaty (article F.3) to back this up. He implies that the new treaty would give the European Court of Justice threatening new powers over Acts of Parliament. This Government has made clear that we will retain the veto for foreign policy and will retain national control over our immigration policy.

Of course during the Conservative leadership campaign we shall see a good deal more of this sort of scaremongering. But I hope that afterwards they will be able to return to a rational debate about Europe. This subject is of central importance for our country and for too long it has been distorted to suit internal Tory party feuding.

Yours faithfully, DOUG HENDERSON, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London, SWIA 2AH.

From the Chair and Vice-Chair of the European Movement - UK

Sir, William Rees-Mogg makes both assumptions and assertions in his article, "Îs Euroscepticism dead?" (May 22), which need to be challenged.

He asserts that "there is a deep underlying Euroscepticism in Britain" and that "more people want to come out altogether than want to integrate further". In fact, polling by MORI for the European Movement shows that 49 per cent of the population could be persuaded to support closer economic and political links if they thought it would be good for Britain, and that even those who want to leave Europe could be persuaded to radically change their views if they saw integration as being in Britain's

The truth is that Euroscepticism has only shallow support, and what people want is more information. The level of public knowledge of European issues is very low, and on the single currency, in the same poll, 81 per cent call for a government White Paper clearly setting out the pros and cons. That's a demand to which the Government should respond.

William Rees-Mogg's assumption that the real issue is self-government for Britain must also be challenged. The point of the EU is to pool sovereignty so that as a result people can have more, not less, control over their

Yours etc. GILES RADICE, Chair. ALAN WATSON, Vice-Chair, European Movement - UK, Dean Bradley House. 52 Horseferry Road, SWI. May 23.

From the Director of Cable and Broadcasting Research Alliance

Sir. I'm sure that John Lloyd (Full steam ahead for HMS Euro", May 23) is right when he states that the new Labour Government is in favour of entering EMU - so why not openly campaign for it instead of sticking with its fraudulent "wait and see" policy?

Now that the party (of which I am a member) is in government it will have to set out the known pros and cons of joining EMU well before a referen-

When this has been done I forecast that most voters will conclude that the modest benefits in no way match the huge economic costs of the change-over. This view will be further strengthened in the near future with the introduction of new smart-card systems which will give all the advantages of a common global (not just European) currency without any cost to the taxpayers or consumers.

The case for EMU will then rest on its supposed political benefits - most of which would not be of interest to voters even if they came free of charge.

Best regards, M. D. RULE, Director Cable & Broadcasting Research Alliance, CABRA House, Russell Road, NW9. May 24.

Letters that are intended for publication should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number -

### Appeal to Government on disability

From Lord Rix. Chairman of Mencap Sir, I applaud the appeal by Alf Morris in his excellent article today for pol-itical parties "to speak with one voice" to reassure disabled people of their support for all the Acts affecting them.

All of us concerned with disability tried to persuade the contending parties to place community care high on their list of manifesto promises: without success - and, regrettably, the new Government has not filled us with confidence as to its future intentions. Already, the Minister dealing specifically with disability has been dispensed with and the responsibility spread around numerous departments. It may work; it may not - but the jury is still out.

Last week in the House of Lords that doughty fighter for the rights of disabled people, Lord Ashley of Stoke. expressed his disquiet at the Government's failure to make any reference to disability legislation in the Queen's Speech, whilst I commented that community care is still a lottery and the

service one receives depends on where one lives and the funding that one's local authority has and makes available. The Government is moving at lightning speed in many directions. As yet, disability does not seem to be a

Value of breast-feeding

Sir, Dr Thomas Stuttaford (Medical

briefing, May 21) casts doubt on the

wisdom of mothers who breast-feed

their babies beyond toddlerhood.

Questioning the immunological and

nutritional value of breast milk to the

child after the third month, he also

airs his concern about the possible

adverse effects of prolonged lactation

on women's reproductive and sexual

Overwhelmingly, research dem-

onstrates the benefits of extended

breast-feeding, including indications

of reduced risk of diabetes and heart

disease to the child. The World Health

Organisation recommends the prac-

tice "up to two years of age or beyond"

for children also enjoying a balanced

and varied diet.

needs in this way.

From Ms Liz Bushell

Lewis, a consultant paediatrician, as saying a child may become overdependent on the mother, causing problems "ranging from rejection of babysitters to difficulties when start-

priority. Let us hope that the Chancel-lor will make provision for genuine community care — nationwide —

when he finally unveils his proposals

for a windfall tax. Six and a half mil-

lion disabled people are just as de-

serving of urgent consideration as the

Sir, I strongly support the sentiments

of Alf Morris with regard to the care needs of disabled people. I further hope that in any deliberations that

follow, a moment is also taken to re-

view the absurd criteria that govern

eligibility to the care component of

Disability Living Allowance, and thus access to the Independent Living Fund (1993), which are currently doing so

much to prevent thousands of us na-

tionwide pursuing the independence

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we desire.

Yours sincerely,

JONATHAN KAYE,

Bridlepath. 49 Nicholas Way, Northwood, Middlesex.

House of Lords.

From Mr Jonathan G. Kaye

ing at the nursery school". Such problems are in our view symptomatic of the conflict between breast-feeding and consumerism. which may devalue breast milk in favour of artificial substitutes. This contributes to the false impression that mothers who breast-feed an older child have, in some way, failed in their mothering and are over-protective.

In our experience, children who are happily breast-fed grow into responsible, independent adults. Mothers who continue to breast-feed until the child outgrows the need are ensuring a sound basis for that child's development, and deserve to be congratulated on their success.

In the UK only a minority of Yours sincerely, mothers continue breast-feeding be-LIZ BUSHELL yond the first year or so and the La (Director. Leche League supports mothers who Health Professional Liaison). choose to respond to their child's La Leche League (Great Britain). PO Box 29. West Bridgford. Nottingham NG2 7NP.

Among the challenges facing such mothers Dr Stuttaford quotes Barry

A London authority

Sir. Councillor Richard Buckley ar-

gues for "city-wide government" for London (letter, May 19), but what does

he mean by London? There is no in-

trinsic need for a revived London

strategic authority to encompass the

same boundaries as the former GLC.

that late leviathan swallowed up large

chunks of neighbouring counties back

in the 1960s. But even though the GLC

has disappeared, we are still left with

the undignified spectacle of good old

towns like Upminster, Bexley, Wembley and Kingston upon Thames

being described as within "London

There was no referendum when

From Mr Stephen Pewsey

boroughs". These places were parts of respectively for hundreds of years before "big is best" planners herded them reluctantly into "Greater" London.

There has been no "Greater" London for a decade now, so surely this is the ideal opportunity to restore the capital's original and ancient boundaries, and give us back our proper counties. If there must be a London authority, then let it confine itself to the inner metropolitan area defined by the old LCC boundary.

Yours etc., STEPHEN PEWSEY. 59 Wroths Path, Loughton, Essex. May 19.

We were forced to remove our

children to the private system where

they were educated alongside people

of varied ethnic and social back-

grounds throughout their school

years. Among their fellow pupils

many had assisted places or, like our

children, had parents willing to

sacrifice other things for their future.

to a cheaper area in order to pay off

the debts accrued over the years of our

children's education, but I have to say

that it has been worth every penny -

We recently sold our house to move

### Assisted places

From Mrs Marilyn Day

Sir, I wish to congratulate Councillor and Chair of (school) Governors. Mrs Ann Cains, upon her good fortune in being able to ensure her two sons had the privilege of attending an excellent state comprehensive school near her home (letter, May 23).

Unfortunately we do not all enjoy this luxury and do the best we can when living somewhere which cannot offer our children such benefits. Place of work usually determines where we have to live, not always in a good catchment area.

Being state educated ourselves, we tried the local primary school in the early 1980s with disastrous results.

### **Downing Street cat** From Dr I. M. Blake

Sir. Disturbed by reports that Humphrey was Felix non grata, I offered him retirement from politics through the now untenanted cat-flap at this far humbler (but singularly felicitous)

address. Today I received his photograph and assurance that "Downing Street is Humphrey's home, and he is welcome to stay", together with cheering information that "one of the first things the Blair children wanted to see when they moved into No II was Humphrey" - clearly the younger generation have exactly the right

priorities. Edward Lear observed "human nature is pretty much the same all along. On the whole perhaps Pussycat nature is the best". Is it not comforting, on the accession of untried politicians, to know that the welfare of the nation remains in a safe pair of

I remain, Yours faithfully, IAN BLAKE. Blair Cottage, Aultgrishan, Melvaig, Cairloch, Wester Ross. May 24.

PS. Cat lovers, of course, have long realised that PC did not *really* stand for Privy

### Saving our lidos From Mrs Mary Lowerson

and so are they.

Yours sincerely,

1 Milton Road.

MARILYN DAY,

Pewsey, Wiltshire,

Sir. There was a note of optimism in your interesting article, "Why are we closing our lidos?" (Weekend, May 24), in the account of the thriving Parliament Hill lido and the news that Saltdean lido is to be re-opened.

Here in Lewes, ten miles from the latter, there is an open-air pool that pre-dates those 1930s celebrations of the value of sunshine and healthy exercise by a good 70 years. Built in the 1860s, the Pells pool has been used and enjoyed by the public (good and bad summers alike) ever since. It would have suffered the sad fare of so many pools but for the efforts of local

campaigners.
It is therefore heartening to discern change in attitude: rumours of global warming and worries about polluted beaches, as well as the sheer enjoyment of swimming in the open air. are all factors that could contribute to the survival of these pools, to the benefit of not only present but also future generations.

Yours faithfully, M. C. LOWERSON. 9 Bradford Road, Lewes, East Sussex.

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### No bishops on Kirk horizons

From the Convener of the Ecumenical Relations Committee of the Church of Scotland

Sir. In your leader, "Crisis in the Kirk" (May 26), you pass some ill-informed comments on my report to the recent General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. The suggestion that the Church of Scotland might consider possible advantages to be had from the introduction of bishops was not about internal reform nor was it about giving up our excellent Presbyterian structures. We are looking ahead to a united Church in Scotland which, as well as Presbyterians and Episcopalians, will include Methodists and Congregationalists, and elements of the United Reformed Church.

Bishops in this united Church would be part of a structure that retains all the elements you so admire in the present Church of Scotland, strengthened by the more democratic Congregationalist traditions. Since the Episcopal tradition in Scotland is in any case more democratic than that in the Church of England, this will not be the major problem I suspect it might be south of the border.

I have no difficulty, therefore, in assuring your readers (who must have lost a deal of sleep over the matter) that "the spirit of the Reformation" does still survive in good health here in Scotland, and will continue to do so well into the third millennium.

We are talking about growth and development - not decline; for our watchword has always been "ecclesia reformata semper reformanda" (a reformed Church always needing to be reformed). Even the best can be

Yours sincerely, **DUNCAN E. McCLEMENTS** Convener, Ecumenical Relations Committee, Church of Scotland, Grahamstown United Church, 30 Russel Street, Falkirk. May 27.

### Crime statistics

From Mr J. Staunton

Sir. So a survey (report, "England and Wales lead crime league of Western nations". May 27) has shown that if for 50 years you actively attempt to imitate the United States by introducing every sociological fad current in that society, as well as allowing their violent, crime-obsessed films to dominate popular "entertainment", the crime rate in England and Wales will tend to follow the American rather

How extraordinary. Who would ever have thought such a thing likely? Yours faithfully.

J. STAUNTON, 10 Orchard Road, Dagenham, Essex. May 27.

### Lucky for some?

From Mr Wyn Jones

Sir. A number of phone calls today (the day following Bank Holiday) soon established that the Government and local government offices I was hoping to contact were closed for the day. All businesses I rang, however. were open for trading. One nation?

Yours faithfully. WYN JONES, Blaencilgoed House. Ludchurch. Narberth, Pembrokeshire. May 27.

### **Steering committee**

From Mr T. P. Blenkin

Sir. You report (May 24) that a prototype supermarket trolley with a self-centring steering system may eliminate "erratic trolley control". Perhaps it will also dispel my long-

held belief that the difference between a supermarket trolley and a nonexecutive director is that, while both hold a vast quantity of food and drink. only the trolley has a mind of its own.

Yours faithfully. T. P. BLENKIN. Blenkin & Co (chartered surveyors). 29 High Petergate, York.

### Pole positions

From Mr Stuart Dunlop

Sir, At great expense, a group of people has been airlifted to a position close to the North Pole (reports, May 27, 28). From there, this group has walked to the North Pole. We are expected to celebrate this fact. Am I missing something?

I am, yours sincerely. STUART DUNLOP. Arden House, Shoppenhangers Road. Maidenhead, Berkshire.

From Mr A. J. Saunders

Sir. My congratulations to the allwoman Polar expedition on their success. I have just one question: who did the map-reading?

A. J. SAUNDERS. 16 Silchester Way, Westlea, Swindon, Wiltshire.



### **COURT CIRCULAR**

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** May 28: The Princess Royal this morning visited Macphie of Glenbervie Limited, Glenbervie. Stonehaven, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Kincardineshire (the Viscount of

Arbuthnott KT).
Her Royal Highness afterwards visited Maritime Rescue International Limited, the Old Pier,

The Princess Royal this afternoon visited the Sea Cadet headquarters. Stonehaven.

Her Royal Highness later visited St Machars Academy. St Machars Drive, Aberdeen, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the City of Aberdeen (Councillor Mrs Margaret Farquhar, the Lord

Princess Royal afterwards opened the Aberdeen Automated Processing Centre for the Royal Mail at Wellington Circle. Altens,

Her Royal Highness, President, Save the Children Fund. this evening arrended a Dinner at the Club, 9 Albyn Place, Aberdeen. ST JAMES'S PALACE

May 28: The Prince of Wales this evening attended a Reception to

Dr Anthony Hopkins Royal engagements The Queen will attend a service in the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy at

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother will visit the restored Cambridge Arts Theatre at noon followed by luncheon at Queens'

The Princess Royal will open the Macduff Marine Aquarium, 18 High Shore, Macduff, Banff, at II.00; will visit the Banff Day Care Services, Doocot View, St Combs Court, at 11.50; and will open the Princess Royal Park Project, at 12.55. The Duchess of Gloucester will visit the Suffolk Agricultural Show, Ipswich at 10.45; and will attend a reception to mark the Silver Jubilee of Breakthrough Deaf-Hearing Integration at the

Mansion House, at 6.45. The Duke of Kent, as President. Royal National Lifeboat Institution, will visit Islay Lifeboat Station. Isle of Islay at 1.00; will visit Campbeltown Lifeboat Station. Old Quay, at 3.10; and will meet representatives of the Institution and their families at a reception at Fernhill Hotel, Portpatrick, Dumfries and Galloway at 5.05.

### Christening

The infant daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Macgregor was chris-tened Elizabeth Verity Hammon by the Rev Ronald Creighton-Jobe at the Bromoton Oratory, Knightsbridge, on Saturday. The godparents are Mile isabelle Berghgracht, Mrs Charles Villiers, Conte de Blanchetti and Mr Herbert Towning.

### Service luncheon

**Light Infantry**The Mayor of Bath was the principal guest at a luncheon of the Light Infantry held yesterday at the regimental marquee at the Showground of the Royal Bath and West of England Society. Colonel M.A.G. Watts, Deputy Colonel, presided.

### Service dinner

lans of Court and City Yeomanry The Earl of Limerick, Honorary Colonel, Colonel G.D. Thompson, and other serving and retired officers of the Inns of Court and City Yeomanny dined last night at Stone Buildings, Lincoln's Inn. to mark the retirement of Captain Malcolm Carver as Under-Treasurer of the Inn. Major R.S.H. Sawyer. Officer

mark the opening of the Victoria Cross and George Cross Exhibition at the Imperial War Museum, Lambeth Road, London

His Royal Highness, Patron. Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, later attended the Patron's Dinner at St James's Palace.

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE May 28: The Duke of Kent, Patron. the Covent Garden Festival, this ening attended a performance of Handel's Ariodante in St Clement

Danes Church, London WC2. THATCHED HOUSE LODGE RICHMOND PARK May 28: Princess Alexandra accompanied by the Rt Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, this morning laid a Wreath at the Commonwealth

War Graves Commission Ceme tery, Hodogaya. Her Royal Highness and Sir Angus Opilyy subsequently visited Kamakura, one of the ancient

conitals of Japan. Princess Alexandra and the Rt Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy this evening attended a Dinner given by Her Majesty's Ambassador to Japan (His Excellency Sir David Wright)

at the British Émbassy. Tokyo.

A celebration of the life and work of Dr Anthony Hopkins, Director of the Research Unit. Royal College of Physicians, was held yesterday in the library of the college. Mr William Shand and Mrs Honkins, widow, hade welcome.

Ms Juliet Solomon, research associate at the college, and Miss Susannah York gave readings. Sir Leslie Turnberg, President of the Royal College of Physicians. Dr Matthew Menken, President of the World Federation of Neurology. and Dr Christopher Mallinson

During the celebration Ms Olive Simpson, soprano, sang accompa-nied by Mr Richard Hand, guitar, and Mr Julius Drake, piano.

### Sir Frank Hartley

A Memorial Service will be held for Sir Frank Hartley, CBE, DSc, PhD, CChem, FRSC, FRPharmS. FIC. Hon FRCP. Hon FRCS. HonFRSC. Hon LLD, Dean of the School of Pharmacy, 1962-1976, Vice-Chancellor of the University of London, 1976-1978, on Wednesday, July 9, 1997 at St George's Church, Bloomsbury Way, Bloomsbury, London WCl, commencing at 2.30pm. For further information nlease telephone the Clerk's Office. The School of Pharmacy, 0171-753

### Jesus College. Cambridge

Mr Tony Willson The funeral service for Mr Tony Willson, College Boatman, will be held on Monday, June 2, at 2.30pm in the College Chapel. Flowers, if desired, to Weyman Funeral Service, 26 Abbey Walk, Cambridge (01223) 354289.

### The Royal Society of Chemistry

The following were admitted as Fellows of The Royal Society of Chemistry in May 1997. They are entitled to use the designation 'Chartered Chemist' and the letters

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# The night sky in June

By Michael J. Hendrie ASTRONOMY CORRESPONDENT

MERCURY begins the month as a morning star, reaching superior conjunction on the 25th. It then becomes an evening star but will be too close to the Sun for observation throughout the month.

Venus is a -3.9 magnitude evening star, setting about an hour and a half after sunset. It will be in strong twilight throughout June but may be glimpsed low in the northwest. Very thin crescent Moon to the south on the 6th.

Mars moves southeastwards through Virgo, facing to 0.6 magnitude by the 30th when it will set shortly before midnight Moon nearby on

Jupiter is in Capricornus and -2.7 magnitude. It reaches a stationary point on the 10th and then retrogrades slowly westwards against the stars. By the 30th it will be rising by 22h. Moon nearby on the 24th-25th.

Saturn is 0.6 magnitude and in Pisces, rising at mid-night by the end of June. Moon very close on the 1st and again on the 28th-29th. Uranus is in Capricornus

rising before 22h by the 30th. At 5.7 magnitude it needs optical aid for certain identification and a chart showing fainter stars. Moon nearby on the 22nd-23rd. Neptune is 8.0 magnitude

and in Sagittarius rising by 21h in late June. Like Uranus it requires binoculars or a small telescope to locate it and a chart showing stars to 8th magnitude for identification. Both planets show small discs in a telescope, but a magnification of 100 or more is needed to show the discs clearly. Moon nearby on the 22nd.

The Moon: new Moon, 5d 07h; first quarter 13d 05h; full Moon, 20d 19h; last quarter, 27d 13h. The Earth: the summer solstice, when the Sun reaches its most northerly point and is overhead on the Tropic of Cancer, occurs at 21d 08h.

Sunset on the 1st is at 20h 10m and on the 30th at 20h 25m while sunrise is at 03h 50m and 03h 45m on the same dates. Astronomical twilight lasts all night throughout the British Isles during June and it is never completely dark. Nautical Twilight, which

begins and ends when the Sun reaches a depression of 12 degrees below the horizon, is a better guide in summer to when the main constellation and brighter stars can be seen. It ends at 22h 00m and 22h 25m early and late in the month and begins againat 01h 55m and 01h 40m.

The long summer twilight

Mr Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, was the guest of

honour at a luncheon given yes-terday at Trinity House by Mr

Patrick O'Ferrall, Chairman of Lloyd's Register, Dr Tim Jones.

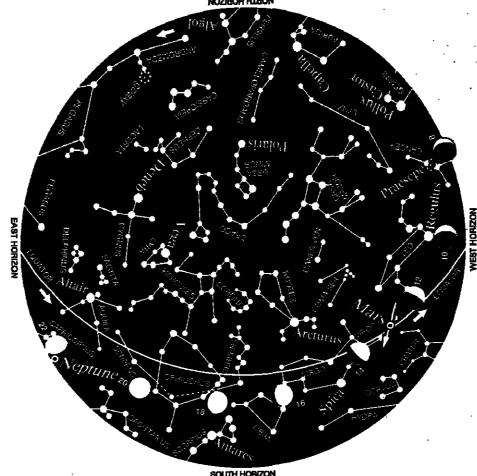
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Baroness Platt of Writtle, Baroness
Wilcox. Mr Elias Angelakos. Mr
David Brown. Mr Sean Connoily,
the Rev John Cowling. Ms Susan
Farrell, Miss June Mendoza. Mr Neil
Dunford. the Chairman of the

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The diagram shows the brighter stars that will be above the horizon in the latitude of London at 23h (I pm) at the beginning, 22h (10 pm) in the middle, and 21h (9 pm) at the end of the month, local mean time.

At places away from the Greenwich meridian the Greenwich times at which the diagram applies are later than the above by one hour for each 15 deg west of

provides an opportunity to disappeared from view for look for Noctilucent Clouds. northern observers but will be While not really astronomical objects, for like the aurora they take place in the Earth's atmosphere, they are phenomena of the night sky. While most clouds occur below 16km, noctilucent clouds appear at heights of around 80km. As the Sun sinks lower any remaining low level cloud will appear black against the northern sky. Noctilucent clouds appear bright against the sky and are usually bluish-white or silvery-white in colour. They form rows of tiny cloudlets, a herringbone pattern or parallel rows of small clouds.

From southern England they will generally be a few degrees above the horizon only, but from northern Scotland can be much more extensive. There is some reason to suppose that they are more common now than previously. On any clear evening in June or July it is worth looking along the horizon from northwest to northeast from two hours or so after sunset in case the clouds are present. They may persist all night until the Sun begins to brighten the sky again. Comet Hale-Bopp has now

Luncheons

International Association of Classification Societies, the Chief Executive of the Marine Safety Agency, the Flag Officer Surface Flodila, Portsmouth Naval Base, the Permanent Secretary. Department of Transport, the Permanent Secretary. Department of Trade and Industry, the Chief Executive Officer. BP Exploration, the President of Shell International Trading and Shipping, the General Manager of Texaco, the Chairman of Total Oil Marine, the Master of the Honourable Company of Master Mariners, the Deputy Master of Trinity House, the Provost of Guildhall University, the Chief Executive of the Institute of London Underwriters, the Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive of Surrey University, the Principal of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, the Head of Shipping Trade

east. The map should be turned so that the horizon the observer is facing (shown by the words around the circle) is at the bottom, the zenith being at the centre. Greenwish Mean Time, known to astronomers as Universal Time and expressed in 24-hour notation, is used in the accompany-ing notes unless otherwise stated.

under observation from the tropics and southern hemisphere as it recedes from the Sun and the Earth. It should remain a naked eye object with a tail for several months but it is now fading and the tail will become less noticeable with time. The maximum brightness reached seems to have been close to -L0 (not -0.1 as I inadvertently wrote last month) and tail lengths of 25 degrees have been reported. This comet will probably have been the best observed of all time though it may take several years before all the observations are analysed. There has been interest in

the comet's "period" or time different between returns. I gave an indication of "4,000 years or so" in April and 3,000 years in May while periods as short as 2,000 years have been mentioned elsewhere. Astronomers do not like to quote times in years for long-period comets as they are of little practical value and can be misleading. The comet has cal Units (1 AU=150 million km) from the Sun since discovery but at its farthest may reach beyond 320 AU. Our when it will return.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: King Charles II, reigned

1660-85, London, 1630; Isaac

Albéniz, composer, Camprodón, Spain, 1860; G.K. Chesterton,

writer, London, 1874; T.H. White,

novelist, Bombay, 1906; Tenzing

Norgay, Himalayan climber, 1914; John Fitzgerald Kennedy, 3Sth American President 1961-63.

Brookline, Massachusetts, 1917.

DEATHS: Sir Humphry Davy,

inventor of the miner's safety lamp, Geneva, 1829; Sir William

operas, London, 1911; John Barry-more, actor, Hollywood, 1942;

Mary Pickford, actress, Santa Monica: California, 1979.

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observations cover a very short arc of the whole orbit. if the comet moved under the influence of the Sun alone it could move in an ellipse but the planets distort this ideal orbit. Worst still a comet's orbit is affected by gas and dust spewing out of active areas of the nucleus when the comet is near the Sun: this matter forms the comet's head and tail, the true (solid) nucleus being only a few km or tens of km across and not directly visible even in the largest telescopes. Generally the shape and size of a corner's orbit will change while it is near the Sun, so the time elapsed between the last return and the next may be very

A set of orbital elements really only describes the path of an active comet in the inner solar system for a few weeks and to calculate a period from this can give only very approximate results. Comet Hale-Bopp will probably be kept under observation for another decade. Astronomers will have a better idea of the comet as it leaves the inner solar system: then they should have a bettter estimate of

### School news

The King's School, Canserbury Scholarship Examination 1997
The following have been elected King's Scholars from September

1997:
Ronjoy Sanyal, The Junior King's School; Elizabeth Milligan, The Junior King's School; Alexandra Fielding, Wellesley House; Conrad Baker, The Junior King's School; Victoria Parrish, Holmewood House; Anna Holmes, Milbourne Lodge, Katharine Hunter Johnston, St Paul's Giris' School; James Elis, Ashdown House, Edward Bradley, The Junior King's School; Katherine Redstone; Vinehall; Daniel O'Donoghue, The Junior King's School; Stuart Finlayson, Holmewood House.
Exhibitions have been awarded to

wood House.
Exhibitions have been awarded to Claudia Wilmot-Smith. Combe Bank School: Jonathan Lynes, The Junior Kings's School: James Audsley, The Junior Kings's School: Seima Oliver, St Bede's School. Alexis Gibbs, Ashdown House; Au. Windlesham House School.

America Anti-Winderman America to Conrad Baker. The Junior Ring's School: Miranda Hurst, James Allen's Girls' School: Any Marshall, Copthorne School; Selma Oliver, St Bede's School; Hannah Redman, Northbourne Park School; Alessandra Russell, Windiesham House School. Art Scholarships have been awarded to Emma-Louise Edmondson. The Junior King's School: Chartone Sterck, Windiesham House School. An Art Enthibition has been awarded to Frederick Clough, Dulwich Preparatory School, Cranbruok. Skth Form: King's Scholarships.

Sixth Form: King's Scholarships: Camilla Jelbart, James Allen's Girls' School: Laura Trelford, South Hampstead High School: Ellen Weavers, Dane Court Grammar

Music Scholarship: Laura Derain, Newstead Wood School for Girls. The King's School is an Educational Charity Registration no 307942.

Rateliffe College Solemn High Mass will be cele-brated in the School Chapel at 11.30am on Saturday, June 28, 1997, to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Foundation of the College. All Old Ratcliffians and their partners are welcome. The Ratcliffian Association dinner will be held at the College at 8pm in the evening. Will all those who wish to attend, who have not already applied, please notify Mrs J. Gamble, at Ratcliffe College, Posse Way, Leicester, LE7 4SG.

### **Dinners**

Scientific Lastrament Makers'

The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies were received by Mr Bill Lyons, Master of the Scientific Instrument Makers' Company, and Mrs Lyons, at the annual dinner held last night at Carpenters' Hall. The Master presided and Vice-Admiral Sir Toby Frere and Sir Ivor Cohen, Senior Warden, also spoke. The

guests included:
The Masters of the Founders',
Musicians', Glaziers', Gardeners',
Giass' Sellers' and Launderes'
Companies, the President of the
Institute of Physics and LieutenaniCommander Charles Neve, RN,
First-Lieutenant of HMS Vigitani. Old Cheltonian London

General Sir Michael Rose was the principal guest and speaker at a dinner of the Old Cheltoman London Committee held last night at the Army and Navy Club. Mr

### **Forthcoming** marriages

Mr A.E. Stevens and Miss A.C. King The engagement is announced between Adrian, elder son of Mr George Simpson, and Mrs Robert Stevens, of Chislehurst, Kent, and Annabelle, elder daughter of Vice Admiral Sir Norman and Lady King, of Aspley Guise,

Redfordshire. Mr C.A. Cunningham-Reid and Miss J.M.A. Burrows

The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr Noel Cunningham-Reid, of Underwood Hall, Newmarket. Suffolk and Mrs John Findlay, of Carnell, Hurtford, Ayrshire, and Joanna, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Burrows, of Barham Hall, Barham, Ipswich, Suffolk.

Mr M.A. Harvey and Dr A.C. Cairn
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs A.A. Harvey, of Halesowen, West Midlands, and Alexia. daughter of Dr and Mrs N.M. Cairn, of Rhuddlan, North Wales.

Mr E. Hurford-Jones and Miss C.E. Camilleri The engagement is announced between Ewan, younger son of Mr and Mrs Barri Hurford-Jones, of Barry, South Glamorgan, and Caroline, eldest daughter of Major (Retd) and Mrs Edward Camilleri, of Ruardean, Gloucestershire.

Mr M.A. Paul The engagement is announced between Michael, son of the late Mr Geoffrey Paul and of Mrs Paul, of Kirton, Suffolk, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael

Burges, of Edenbridge, Kent. Mr F.G. White and Miss F.M. Giliman The, engagement is announced between Francis Gerald, youngest son of Mr and Mrs William F. White, of Stoke Abbott, Durset, and Fiona, younger daughter of Mr James Gillman and Mrs Cilla

Mr P.R.A. Wilson and Miss A.D. McKerrell The engagement is announced between Philip, only son of Mr and Mrs Robert Wilson, of Wivelsfield. Sussex, and Angela, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs Archie McKerrell, of Woolton, Liverpool.

Karmel, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

### Marriages

Major P.W.F. Arkwright and Miss S.G.E. Williams The marriage took place on Wednesday, May 28, 1997, at St

Wilfrid's Church, Mobberley, Cheshire, between Philip Ark-wright, of Shipston-on-Stour, Warwickshire, and Sandra Williams, of Knutsford, Cheshire. Mr W. Douglas and Miss T.L. Conlan

The marriage took place on Sat-urday, May 24, at Our Lady's Church, Chesham Bois. Buckingkamshire, of Mr William Douglas, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Andrew Douglas, of Highgate, London, to Miss Tara Conlan. eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Conlan, of Bellingdon, Buckinghamshire, Father Daven-port officiated. A reception was held at Latimer

### Today's birthdays

Mr Colin Amery, architectural man, National Power, 70; Mr Bob writer and historian, 53; Mr Mich Hope, cornedian, 94; Mr David ael Berkeley, composer and broadcaster, 49; Sir Douglas Black, physician, 84; Sir Christopher Bland, chairman, Board of Gov-ernors BBC, 59; Mr Giles Clarke. founder of Majestic Wine and Pet City, 44; Sir Kenneth Couzens, former chairman, Coal Products, 72; Sir Jeremy Elwes, chairman, St Helier NHS Trust, 60; Lord Fraser of Carmyllie, QC, 52: Lieutenant-General Sir Martin Garrod, 62; Sir Anthony Grant, former MP, 72: Miss Linda Esther Gray, opera singer, 49; Mrs Patricia Harris, former central president, The Mothers' Union, 58; Sir Robin Haydon, diplomat. 77; Sir John Herbeog, civil servant. 75; Sir Trevor Holdsworth, former chair-

Hope, comedian, 94; Mr David Jenkins, former librarian, National Library of Wales, 85; Professor Robert Knox, bacteriologist, 93; Mr Alan Langlands, chief executive, NHS Executive, 45: Sir James Marjoribanks, diplomat,

The Earl of Morley, 74; Miss Nanette Newman, actress, 58; Mr Terry Pavey, former Editor, TV Times, 54: Mr Martin Pipe, race horse trainer, 52; Lord Rankeillour, 62; Mr Francis Rossi, rock singer and guitarist, 48; Mr Alwin Schockernöhle, showjumper, 60; Mr Carl Toms, stage designer, 70; Professor R.L. Wain, FRS, agricultural scientist, 86; the Earl of Wilton, 76; General Sir Richard Worsley, 74.

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BIRTHS APPLETON - On 16th May, to Caroline (née Walker) and Richard, a son, Edward Olivez.

BORSEY - In Singapore o 19th May to Jonathan and Patricia (née Lim) a son Eliot Casama or. CALLENDER - On April 27th in Tokyo, to Valerie and Andrew, a son Alexander, a brother for Tessa. Present address: 2-46-2 Uchara, Shiboya-ku, Tokyo 151.

CAMPRELL CLYMI - On 22nd May 1997 in Cambridge, to Smms (née Rhodes James) and Christopher, a daughter, Lucy.

COUSINS - On 27th May 1997, to Portia (née Galloway) and Robert, a beautiful daughter, Pippa May Lesley. GWYM PALMER - On the 20th of May, 1997 to Juliet (née Van Oss) and Robert, a second daughter, Syrie

HORSTEAD - On May 20th 1997, to Lucy (pie Moie) and Johany, a beautiful daughter, Sophie Annabella. KARAMANI - Om May 21st at 16.56 at The Fortland Hospital, to Sofia and Demetrics, twin daughters, Antonia and Katerina.

MOORE - On May 22nd at 19.33 at The Portland Hospital, to Sally and Dave, a daughter, Emmanuelle. CHESNEL - On May 18th, to Philipps (née Le Neve Fosts) and jon, a daughter, Francesca Storm, a sister for Olivia, Thomasina and Lucinda.

ROWE - On 7th May, to Karen (née O'Kane) and Andrew, a som, Oliver James, a brother

SHIPTON - On May 22nd, to Melissa (née Sear) and William, a son, George William Peter, a brother for

BIRTHS TOOMEY - On 26th May, we Lize (née MacMillan) and Richard, a daughter Extherine Mary Frances, sister for Alexander and Hermitone

TOPOLSKI - On 21st May, to Susan (née Gilbert) and Daniel, a son, Luke Sinclair Fellis, a brother for Emma and Tamsin.

1997, in Singapore, to Clare (née Emerson) and David, a daughter, Emma Hazzlet, a sister for Sophia and Hogo. NOLTON - On May 23rd 1997 In Tokyo, to Joanna (née Payne) and Peter, a son, Patrick John, a hrother for Hugh and Hester.

DEATHS

BAXTER - James Duncan
Baxter M.V.O., J.P. Died at
home on 27th May 1997,
husband of Berbarn, father
to Robert and Emma and
gamifather to Joshus, Alex,
Theo and Jack (born
19.5.97), Private Funeral.
Thanksgiving Service at
Weaverham Parish Church
Cheshire on Monday 2nd
Inne at 2 nm and afterwards Cheshire on Monday 2m.

June at 2 pm and afterwards
at Spring Hill. No flowers
Donations to be made to
help fund "The Jimmy and
Barbara Baxter Award." To Barbara Banter Award to an annual sward to a manual sward to a young person halped by the Prince's Youth Business Trust in Cheshire. For etails contact Dixons Soliciton on 01606-4811. Funeral Directors Geo. Lightfoot Northwich Cheshire, 01606-42011.

BRYANT - Max Gordon, Priest, of Liamina, Aberporth, on-26th May 200 57. Funeral at Aberporth Parish Church on Tessday 3rd June at 8 am, followed by cremation at Narberth.

**DEATHS** 

BRUNNETT - Mary, aged 85 of Shillingstone, Dorset, died peacefully on 27th May 1997. Beloved wife of Air Commodore Pat Burnett EAF (Bett'd), mother of David sed Jane, and grandmother to Grace, William and Thomas. Funeral service at the Church of the Holy Rood, Shillingstone, on Teacley. cremation. Family flowers only please. ARTER - Henry 'Chick' OSE died peacefully aged 92 after a short illness on 25th

after a short illness on 25th May at Faignton. Loving father of Suzanes and family and Wanda. Funeral at Torkey fematorium on 5th June 11.30 am. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Arthritis Research Charity may be sent to Maunders Funeral Service, Paignton, TGS 3AW. COOKE - Stephen Paul of Tuesday 27th May 1997

Tuesday 27th May 1997 peacefully at Mount Alvernia Hospital, Baloved husband of Penny and father of Alistati, Tommy and Polly Chief Executive of Gerrard Vivian Geny Lintrace Much leved and admired by all who knew him. Service of Thanksgiving at 12 neon on Monday 2nd June 1997 at Church of St Mary's A All Saints, Donsfold, Servey-Panily flowers only, please, to Pinnus, Charters, Mary Road, Guildford, Ol483-567394. Donastions if desired to Dr. Topham's Cancer Research Pund, Eoyal Sunvey County Hospital, St.

Service to be amnounced.

ORBETT - David. Died May
26th 1997, Seleved husband
of Ba. Father of Rory, Bohin,
Rosie, Rupert and Rowents
and grandfather to 11.

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Torquay on Thorsday Jone
5th at 12.30pm. Family
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BOUGLAS - Archibald Andrew Henry. Andrew died quietly at Amesbury Abbey on May 24th, 1977, aged 95. Much loved father of Shoito, ian, Veronica and Rosemary. Cremation at 1140 am on Tuesday, 17th June. No flowers please but donations may be sent to the Scottish National Trust, clo Burdens, Church Street, Amesbury, Willshire (tel: 01980 622 262).

ELIOTT - Edward Gordon (Mick) on 27th May after: long illness, much loved husband of june and father to Gordon, Jenny, Elimbert and Rosalind, Will be se missed by all the family. Memorial Service 11 am Wednesday 4th June at St Luke's, Burgham.

FARMER - Henry Tatton, suddenly but pencefully, at Worthing on 24th May, aged 66. Much loved brother of Disma Paget. Cremation at 11AO am on Tuesday 3rd June at Worthing Crematorium. All enquiries to H.D. Tribe Ltd., 130 Broadwater Road, Worthing, tel: (01903) 234516.

SECHER - Barbers Maud Alice, late of Eimbridge, Cranleigh, Sursey, died peacetuily in a narring home on Sunday May 25th 1997. Funeral family only. Donations to Star and Garter Home, Richmond, Survey.

HEBUITZ-Thomas on May 26th
1997. Loving and much
loved father of Chris, Judi
and Susanna, much loved
Gandad of many and friend
to a host of the world's
musicians. Femeral at
Golder's Green
Crematorium, 3.45 pm
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INDESTY - Remneth Crawford
quistly at home on May 25th
after a vallant struggle,
much loved husband of
Ditus and father of Beweiey.
Femenal at All Sathats Church,
The Drive, Hove, 230 pm on
Monday June 2nd. Family
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desined to British Red Cross
c/o Hanningtons F/D. 4.46 c/o Hanningtons F/D, 4-6 Honteflore Road, Hove, tel: (01273) 778733.

MEXTERS - Peter William died. aged 75, suddenly at Deal on May 27th. Much loved May 27th. Much loved husband of the late Jean and father of leavid, Philippa and Timothy and adored grandfather of eight, Private hashy burial on June 6th, followed by a Thanksgiring Service at St Peter's Church, Ightham, Kent at 11 am. Family flowers only. Donations to British Heart Foundation.

Foundation.

MRIIS - On May 24th 1997.

Thomas Murray. Beloved husband of Margle (née Carter), loving father of Kristin, Hester, Tom and Peter and a much loved grandfather. Funsual service at Bestam Parish Church un Wednesday June 4th at 12.15 pm. Family flowers unly, donarious if desired to St. Wilfrid's Hospice, Chichester. O'LEASY · (nés Berney) jamet. At Wellington, New Zealand on May 27th, 1997, genetly loved wife of Terance, mother of John, Dan and Nina, Helen and Col and sister of Helen Dashfield.

and Finance, City University, the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee, Corporation of London, the Chairman of Foresight, the Director of Acquisition, US Coast Guard, the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organisation, the Chairman and Chief Executive, Babcock International Group, the Editor of Lioyd's List and the Chairman of James Fisher.

Carlton Club Political Committe

Mr Tony Newton was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon

Carlton Club held yesterday at the

Sir Brian Goswell, chairman of the political committee, presided and Mr Peter Forbes also spoke.

PENSTON-BIRD - Prederick Edward of Purley, on Monday 26th May aged 67 years. Much loved of wife Paulba, children Paul, Selly, Gavin and John and grandchildren. Funenal Service at 3 John the Septies Church, Pudey, on Friday 30th May at 12 noon. Panuly flowers only please, donations for Matie Curie co. Rowland Brothers Funeral Directors, 44 High Street, Purley, CSS 2AA.

PREECE - Phyllis Christine (née Dann) "Danno" peacefully on 23rd May 1997. Widow of Arthur, much loved mother of Rodney and Hilary and grandmother to Eupert, Felicity, Jersmy and Simon. Funeral Enndalls Fark. Leathscheed, 4.30 pm 2nd June. Enquiries to W.A. Truelove (01737) 212160.

MITH - Honnid Dayer, Norley Chashire. Beloved husband of Elizabeth Died pencefull in hospital on 24th Mar

1997, aged 77 years. Retired from UKAEA in September 1984. Funeral Service on 3rd june 1997. All enquiries to J.C. Clarke and Son. (01928) 722059. SMITH- John Hirst formerly of Datchet, peacefully on Sammay 24th May after a short filmess. Cremetion at City of London Crematorium Wanstead at 12.15 pm

may be made to The Princess Alice Rospice c/o F.W. Paine Puneral Directors, 102 High Street, Teddington.

TAYLOR - Thomas Cecil Leonard at home on 25th May after a long illness. Dearly loved husband of Dorsen and father of Alexander and James. Formerly vice Principal Hanley Management College. Service at Reading Crematorium on Priday 30th May at 10 am. Donations to May at 10 sm. Donations to The District Norses Fund, The Bell Surgery c/o A.B. Walker & Son Ltd., 158 Reading Road, Henley Thames RC9 1EA:

TUCKWELL - Gladys Muriel beloved wife of the late Bernard and dear mother of Christopher, peacefully the Norfolk and Norwic the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital on Toesday May 27th 1997 aged 84. Funna Service at Horsham St Faith Crematozina on Thursday june 5th at 2 pm. No flower please, but donations it wished for EMII cle Fort's Forman Services, 10 Canada Road, Cromer, Norfolk.

WATER - Standales lossph on 19th May 1997. Appreciation service on Friday 30th May at Friends' Meeting House, Church Crescent, NIO. 2 pm. No flowers. Donations to Thirtie Heart Foundation'

MILSON - Suddenly at home in Englesham on Friday 23rd lary 1997 Hany aged 50, adored hushand of Ana, beloved 2ather of Graham and Victoria and dear son, brother and uncle of all the family. Puneal Service on Monday 2nd June at Co-operative Puneal Service on Monday 2nd June at Co-operative Puneal Parlow. Maxwell Drive, East Kilmide at 9.30 sin, thereafter to Lian Crematorium, Lainshaw Drive, Gasgow at 10.30 are, 10.30 am

IN MEMORIAM —

DUKE - Walter Harry, died May 29th 1983, Beloved Imstand of the late Nota and much loved father of Margaret, Pamela and Elizabeth. Still so sadly missed. so seary messed.

GRANAM - Many, 12 Ang, 1914
- 29 May 1966, He knoweth
the way that I take, Job
23:10. They shall
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goodness, and shall sing of
thy righteousness, Panhus
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### **OBITUARIES**

Philip Brady, Reader in German at Birkbeck College, University of London, died of cancer on May 15 aged 65. He was born on May 6, 1932.

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hilip Brady was a German scholar of extraordinary passion and range. He wrote no books, but he was a prolific. and incisive essayist and reviewer: an inspiring teacher; a tireless organiser of conferences, debates and events; and an accomplished and engaging broadcaster who spoke with warmth, humanity and wit on a remarkable variety of topics. Endlessly curious and enthusiastic, he did more than almost anyone else to bring an awareness of Germany and things German to an Englishspeaking public.

Philip Brady was born in Bolton, Lancashire, and attended Bolton School. After completing his National Service he went up to Emmanuel College, Cambridge, where he read German. His PhD thesis, largely supervised by Freddy Stopp at Cambridge and con-cluded at Westfield College London, concerned notions of doom and judgment in German writing of the 16th and 17th centuries.

In 1960 he was appointed to a lectureship in German at Birkbeck College, University of London. Birkbeck was to remain his professional home for the rest of his life. At the time of his death he was Reader in German there.

Brady was a wonderful teacher. He was impatient with waitle and pretentiousness, with complexity for its own sake; his views on certain current fashions in literary theory were largely unprintable. Yet his down-toearthness was sustained by a profound love of, and respect for, the complexity of imagina-

tive literature. He also, as he put it, "went to things" - and he made things happen. He was an engaged participant at conferences and symposiums, at exhibitions, debates and film showings. A mere three weeks before he died, he was a lively presence at a research sympo sium on Heinrich Heine, held at the Institute of Germanic Studies in London.

He was also an astonishingly versatile scholar who could range with real assurance over German literature from the 16th century to the present. He never wrote a book; his preferred form was the essay. because it presupposed concision and critical energy.

As a journalist, he reviewed - especially for The Times Literary Supplement and wrote some well-informed newspaper obituaries of contemporary German writers. Moreover - and this was perhaps the most remarkable feature of his career — he was a wonderfully accomplished radio broadcaster. He wrote and recorded something of the order of three hundred talks and interviews.

He discussed music, art. architecture, popular culture, literature. The topics ranged from lawnmowers. Hovis bread and the Tottenham Court Road, to Brahms, Günter Grass and Hans Magnus Enzensberger. And he would, with splendid aplomb, throw in occasional references to one of his favourite "early" writers

 he was particularly fond of invoking the name of Christian Knorr von Rosenroth, not only because he genuinely knew a great deal about him, but also because he had an almost schoolboyish delight in exotic and improbable names.

Brady was in many ways a very English Englishman, a robust Lancastrian, but he had a breathtaking knowledge and love of Germany, and of German language and cul-ture. He delighted in explaining the English to the Germans and the Germans to the English.

He also had an impassioned sense of the humane resonance of what he professed, a perception that human beings necessarily and complexly live in a hum and buzz of implications that somehow embraces everything from sausages and

### PHILIP BRADY



beer to films and poetry. Because he understood his subject in this way, he talked of enlivening matters, he enlivened his audience, and he was enlivened in his turn. And this was nowhere more movingly in evidence than

towards the end of his life, when the cancer that killed him was manifestly taking its toll. There was, for example, a remarkable occasion a month and a half before he died. when he gave a talk on the Swiss dramatist Friedrich

Dürrenmatt at the Institute of Germanic Studies to a small group of sixth-formers.

It was not, in any sense, a particularly weighty or momentous meeting. But he was, as always, scrupulously prepared - and that always

meant that a handout was distributed. It was clear that he was in great pain; but, once he was sitting and talking, he was transformed. The gaiety was there, the fun, the sophis tication, the humanity. He warmed to his topic; he helped his young hearers to reflect on images of the grotesque and of less-than-human selfhood his handout consisted of Thurber cartoons - and he encouraged them to ask how such pared-down images could relate to our common human

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experience.

To attend a lecture by Philip Brady was to be in the presence of a deeply happy and fulfilled man. That sense of fulfilment came from an academic career that gave him enduring pleasure, and also from the wonderfully lively existence he led outside academe. an existence of which his devoted family was the cornerstone.

He had married the novelist Jane White in 1961, but separated from her in 1978. He remarried in 1990, and his second wife Christine fully shared his passionate interest in films, concerts, theatre — as did Martin, his son from his first marriage, and Helen, his daughter-in-law.

Brady's colleagues and friends in university German studies and beyond, and all of his devoted radio listeners, will be the poorer for not hearing his voice. The Lancashire colouring was unmistakable. He was fond of beginning conversations with "How do", and ending them with "Tara". The popular register went hand in hand with real sophistication and critical acuity.

The broadcasting voice was utterly immediate and natural. The emphatic patterns of his speech would occasionally be interrupted by a slight halfstutter, particularly when he got excited. Mercifully, it was not edited out. A Brady broadcast always retained the rhythms of urgent vernacular sneech.

Philip Brady is survived by his wife and son.

### **NIGEL BRUCE**

Nigel Bruce, CBE, TD. chairman of the South Eastern Gas Board, 1960-72. died on May 20 aged 89. He was born on May 21, 1907.

WITH the death of Nigel Bruce the gas industry has lost one of its architects, a counsellor of great charm, shrewd judgment, experience and wide-ranging interests. Bruce was a man who would have made his mark in any walk of life and, in fact, succeeded in two very different spheres, for his interest and participation in military affairs was the equal of many professional soldiers.

Coming as he did from a military family, soldiering was a vocation he might well have followed. Fortunately for the gas industry he chose to devote his considerable talents to public service and brought to the industry an understanding of men and a gift of natural leadership developed and enhanced by his career with the Territorial Army in peace and in the Second World War, during which he saw service in Greece, North Africa and the Middle East.

Robert Nigel Beresford Dalrymple Bruce was the son of Major R.N.D. Bruce of Hampstead. He was educated at Harrow and Magdalen College, Oxford, where he took a degree in chemistry. In 1929 he entered the Fulham Laboratories of the Gas Light and Coke Company as a research chemist where he was engaged, among other things, on the hydrogenation of tars and oils and on the catalytic conversion of gases. He was seconded in 1935 as

technical liaison officer between Gas Light and Coke and its associated companies for manufacture and supply. Two years later, he became assistant to the general manager of the Gas Light and Coke Company and in this position acted as secretary of the London and Counties Road Tar Association, of the Gas Coke Export Association. and of the London and Counties Gas Development Association.

While advancing in his civilian career, Bruce was also making progress in his military pursuits. In 1931, he had joined the Territorial Army as second lieutenant in the Rangers (King's Royal Rifle Corps) and at the beginning of commander. He went out to the Middle East in December 1940, serving in Greece in the campaign of 1941, in which he was wounded and later evacuated to Egypt by way of Crete.

He became second-in-command and then commanding officer of his battalion in subsequent fighting in the Western Desert. On the reduction of the Rangers to cadre strength as a result of casualties and wastage, Bruce was appointed to the Middle East Supply Centre, becoming Director of Materials with the

rank of colonel.

responsible for the planning and import of all civilian supplies, other than food and transport, and the encouragement of local production, a task that required him to visit 10 countries for ministerial discussions. His work earned him a Commander-in-Chief's commendation and appointment as OBE (military divi-

sion) in 1946. After the war, Bruce wrote the history of his battalion. Chronicles of the 1st Battalion the Rangers, 1939-45, and was President of the Rangers (KRRC) Old Comrades Association for 15 years. He was a member of the County of London Territorial Association for five years and was awarded the Territorial Decoration and Clasp.

Shortly after his return from war service. Bruce was appointed controller of industrial relations for the Gas Light and Coke Company then, on na-tionalisation in 1949, he became staff controller of the North Thames Gas Board. His natural charm ensured that he worked well with people, and he was always willing to listen and learn

In 1950, he went as a member of a national team to study trade union practice in Sweden and in 1952, again as a member of a national team, to Germany to study labour law there. At the North Thames Gas Board his concern for harmonious labour relations and his work on education. training and welfare made him personally known to an unusually large number of people. His appointment as deputy chairman in 1956 was

a popular one. Bruce was appointed chairman of the South Eastern Gas Board in January 1960, and during the next 12 years guided it through great technological change and rapid expansion to great success. As a member of the Gas Council he served on its Research Committee and its Industrial Relations Committee, his special knowledge and skills contributing much to the relatively untroubled labour relations of that period. In 1966, he led a mission to Canada and the USA to study the complexities of conversion to natural gas.

He was President of the British Road Tar Association in 1964 and 1965, of the Coal Tar Research Association in 1966, and of the Institution of served as a member of the Council of Engineering Institutions. Bruce was a governor of Westminster Technical College for 27 years and its chairman for the past ten.

Nigel Bruce was for many years an active lawn tennis' player and in 1975. Secretary of the Tennis and Rackets Association. He was also a keen golfer, fisherman and cook. He was appointed CBE

in 1972. In 1945, he married his wife Elizabeth (Betty), daughter of J. G. Moore. She and their twin sons and two daughters



### VIRGILIO BARCO

Virgilio Barco Vargas, President of Colombia, 1986-90, died in Bogotá on May 20 aged 75. He 17, 1921.

CONVINCED Liberal. Virgilio Barco Vargas dreamed of land reform and other innovative social measures to combat the poverty of his nation. But, after his election as President of Colombia, he found all such ambitions sidetracked by the demands of an Americanbacked campaign against his country's powerful drug barons.

In the late 1980s the narcotrafficking network organised by Pablo Escobar waged war against the Government, assassinating politicians, shooting policemen and planting bombs in cars, supermarkets and even schools. Barco, a tall. lean patrician figure who, with his horn-rimmed specta-

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tendency to stammer was caricatured in the press as an absent minded professor, President to take this in hand. His reputation was that of a meticulous if uninspiring technocrat. But he rose to the challenge and hit back hard against the Medellin cartels.

cles, tufted white hair and

He fought for prisoners on drugs-related charges to be extradited to the United States where they would receive far harsher sentences than those meted out by Colombian courts and in 1987, for instance, agreed to an American request for the extradition of the drugs baron Carlos Enrique Lehder Rivas. The cartel retaliated by kidnapping the Justice Minister. Barco responded by ordering a raid on cocaine processing plants. Then in 1989 the man tipped as Barco's successor was gunned down.

Colombia paid a high price

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for its President's courageous stand. But it was his initiative that led to the conference held in Cartagena in February 1990 of Peru, Bolivia and the United States met to pledge to coordinate their countries' antidrug activities.

However, in the end it was left to Barco's successor, Cesar Gaviria, to effect a sort of peace by allowing such drug barons as Escobar to negotiate surrender terms. Virgilio Barco Vargas was

born into a wealthy Conservative family in the steamy oil producing town of Cucuta near the Venezuelan border. His grandfather had built up a considerable fortune from oil fields discovered at the beginning of the century and Virgilio, like most young men of his wealth and class, took a degree at Bogotá University before going abroad to complete his studies. He read civil engineering at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). went on to study for a master's in social sciences elsewhere before returning to MIT to

He would have been expected to return to his country to take his place in the social and political life of Cúcuta but to the horror of his grandfather - who never recovered from the shock — he announced that he had become a Liberal. And despite his natural reticence and dislike of confronta-

take a doctorate in economics.

Barco entered politics in 1943 as a Liberal councillor in the nearby town of Durania. It was a stormy period in Colombia's history - known simply as *La Violencia* — in which rival Liberal and Conservative factions took arms against each other. Hundreds of thou-

tion he stuck to his stance.

sands of people died. This interrupted his first term in Congress, forcing him for a while into exile in the United

Returning to Colombia in 1954 he helped negotiate the inter-party peace and served two terms in the Senate becoming Minister of Public Works, 1958-61, and Minister of Agriculture, 1963-64. He also served briefly as Ambassador in London 1961-62 - a post in which he was to serve again later from 1990 to 1992. In 1966 he was appointed

ing under the slogan When it's time, it's time", he set in motion an extensive series of construction projects in preparation for the 1968 papal visit. He was director of the World Bank from 1969 to 1974 and he also served as Ambassador to the United States in

Mayor of Bogota and, work-

presidency. But it was his landslide election victory of 1986 that was the culmination of his political career. As President he helped to open up the Colombian economy to freemarket forces and to guide it through its debt crisis.

1977 during Jimmy Carter's

At the end of his presidency in 1990. Barco was posted for a second time as Ambassador in London. When he returned to Colombia in 1992 he took no further part in the political life of his country. Suffering from Alzheimer's disease he retired to live quietly in his native

When Barco died, President Samper ordered three days of national mourning. Virgilio Barco married an

American, Caroline Isakson, in 1950. He is survived by her and their son and three daughters.



IRELAND. (FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

DUBLIN, MAY 28. The public excitement yesterday was in-tense, till news arrived that the Queen had remitted the sentence of death on Burke. The most earnest exertions to save his life were made in all directions . . . This state of public feeling existed until half-past 4 o'clock, when a brief telegram was received, stating that the sentence on Burke was commuted. This was posted in the public rooms of the city, and the several newspaper offices were soon besieged by crowds anxious to learn the lates intelligence. About the same hour a special telegram to the same effect reached the Lord-

Lieutenant, who forwarded immediately an intimation of the reprieve to the Lord Mayor, Cardinal Cullen, and Mr. Price, the Governor of Kilmainham Gaol. The following is his Excellency's official communication to the Lord Mayor:-

"Viceregal Lodge, May 27.
"My Lord, - When I received your deputation on Friday, the 24th inst., it was my inful duty to announce that the decision which had been arrived at in Burke's case compelled me to refrain from holding out any hopes of a commutation of his sentence. I have now, however, the satisfaction of informing

### ON THIS DAY

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Special commissioners were sworn in to try more than 200 Fenians charged with treason for their part in the rising in March. A number were executed: among the reprieved were Richard Burke, John McCafferty and James Francis O'Brien

you that the Cabinet, having received numerous important communications on the subiect, have anxiously reviewed again all the circumstances of the case, and, after maturely weighing the various points, have been led, not without doubt, to entertain a hope that a lenient course being taken towards this unhappy man may have the effect of showing to his misguided companions and followers that, when the public safety admitted of it, the Government was disposed, as far as possible, to temper justice with mercy. I have, therefore, the gratification of announcing that Her Majesty the Queen has been graciously pleased to direct that Burke's sentence shall be commuted to penal servitude for life . . .
"I have the honour to be your Lordship's obedient servant. "ABERCORN."

At 4 o'clock three mounted orderlies were despatched from the Viceregal-lodge to bear official announcements to the Governor of Kilmainham Gaol, to the Lord Mayor, and to Cardinal Cullen. The Rev. Mr. Kennedy, the Roman Catholic chaplain of the gaol, was deputed to convey the intelligence to the convict. He received it with apparent indifference: and in a subsequent interview with Mr. Price remarked that "it made links difference to him whether he was hanged or not. But as the evening advanced he was observed to exhibit more cheerfulness than he had shown since his conviction, and a desire to enter into conversation with the prison officials. It is expected that an order will be immediately received for his removal to

Mountjoy convict prison.
No intimation of a reprieve has been received at the prison with respect to M'Afferty, but it is expected that a commutation of his sentence will be officially notified in a few days to the governor . . .

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### NEWS

### Lottery pay outrage as sales slide

■ Camelot's chairman has been summoned by the Government to explain why his executives have been given enormous pay rises when National Lottery ticket sales are sliding.

Tony Blair and Chris Smith, National Heritage Secretary, were said to be outraged by reports that pay and bonuses for the ten executives rose by nearly 40 per cent to £2.323 million last year - at a time when ticket sales dropped by 10 per cent 

### Nervous French markets plummet

French stocks plunged on rumours that opinion polls commissioned by banks show the Left poised to win France's knife-edge parliamentary elections on Sunday. President Chirac said a change of political direction would plunge the country into "confusion and weakness" ...

### **Ballet plea**

Diana, Princess of Wales spoke of her desire to see ballet brought to a wider audience in the way that opera had won popular appeal in recent years .. . Page 1

### Jobs boost

International measures to boost jobs by cutting back on red tape to get people off welfare are expected to be agreed by Tony Blair and President Clinton today as they meet to cement a stronger Anglo-American relationship...... Page 2

### Killer seen

The father of Katerina Koneva, 12, the murdered refugee, told how he came face to face with her escaping killer at the family's home in Hammersmith, west ....Page 3 London...

### Slimming danger

Very fat people are not only wasting money, but risk death if they take "magic bullet" pills to lose weight, the Royal College of Physicians said.. .....Page 6

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A review of the Armed Forces that will give a "sense of direction" into the 21st century was outlined by George Robertson, the Defence Secretary... ..Page 8

### Teachers' test

Teachers are to be judged on their pupils' results as part of a system to weed out incompetents from

### Health checks

Reforms in health workers' recruitment, including a "whistleblower's charter", were urged by an inquiry over a nurse jailed for

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America's largest human rights group provoked fury by saying the RUC had violated human rights, and blaming the force for exacerbating last summer's widespread Ulster violence .... Page 13

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After their Supreme Court victory, lawyers for Paula Jones hope to issue subpoenas to various women and Arkansas state troopers to buttress her sexual harassment claim against President Clinton ...

### Tornado toli

Tornadoes raked through central Texas, killing at least 29, injuring dozens more and flattening an entire neighbourhood ..... Page 15

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The Palestinian Authority said the death penalty imposed on all Arabs under its jurisdiction who sell land to Jews would be extended to cover nearly a million Arab citizens of Israel ... . Page 16

### After Marshall

President Clinton called on Europe to embrace the former Communist bloc countries and the classroom, head teachers complete a task promoted by the 

### Late starters win way to TV quiz final

■ An Open University team which includes a 72-year-old widow have trounced a side of medical students to win a place in the final of University Challenge, Afterwards the part-time undergraduates all went out clubbing with the humbled trainee doctors to celebrate setting a record top score: they had beaten their rivals by 415 to 65......



The model Annabelle wearing a £700 Capetown, one of Frederick Fox's hat creations for a charity show at Claridges yesterday

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Vendetta claim: A lawyer representing Andrew Regan, the man behind the ill-fated £1.2 billion bid for the Co-operative Wholesale Society, accused its head of waging "a 

Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index fell 4.1 points to close at 4677.5. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose from 98.6 to 99.0 after a rise from \$1.6288 to \$1.6378 and from DM2.7714 to DM2,7790 .... Page 28

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Cricket: Nick Trainor scored a maiden hundred as Gloucestershire took a first-innings lead of 101 over the Australians on the second day of their Bristol match ......Page 42 Athletics: The British Athletic Federation has asked Seiko to develop an electronic gun as an alternative to the traditional starting pistol, which faces a government ban .. Page 48

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Prime pasta: Stanley Tucci, last seen acting in TV's Murder One. has co-written and co-directed the foodie film Big Night - to restore, he says, the reputation of Italian

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Helping Joe: EastEnders character Joe Wicks has been diagnosed as schizophrenic Dr Thomas Stuttaford lists the warning signs and reports on genetic research into the

whether telling all can really be

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Although the Founding Act is a clear admission of Russia's secondclass status in geopolitics, Nato should be careful not to push its luck. Long-term security in this region depends not on placing your missiles closer to your enemy's capital or threatening his borders, but

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Tony Blair should enjoy this while it lasts. He cannot be the toast of both Brussels and Washington for much longer.....

### An African coup

There could hardly be a clearer case of military adventurism and criminal conspiracy than the coup by junior officers in Sierra ..... Page 21 Leone .....

### Mercator's perfection

The world's first atias goes on display at the British Museum today. bought with a grant of £500,000 from the Heritage Lottery Page 21 Fund.

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Whatever happens on Sunday, the next French Government will not meet the Maastricht criteria, and cannot insist that others do so. A Séguin euro would be a soft euro; a Jospin euro would be even softer. Britain would be foolish to join such a soft currency; Germany would be stark mad to .. Page 20

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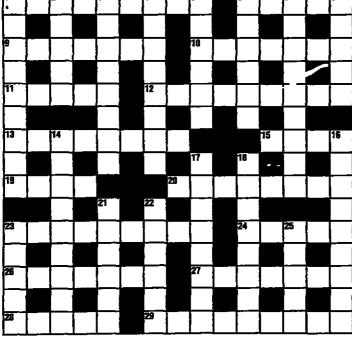
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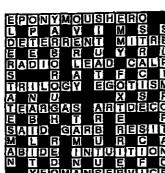
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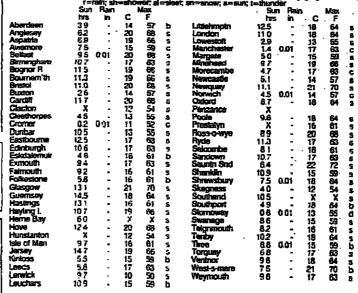
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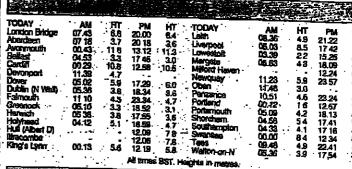
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THURSDAY MAY 29 1997

# Anglian says windfall tax will delay price cuts



**EMU** 

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By Philip Bassett

INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

ROBIN COOK, the For-

eign Secretary, yesterday, said European Union ini-

tiatives to increase levels of

employment should have

The Conservative Gov-

ernment had strongly op-

posed the addition of an

employment chapter" to

the treaty governing the EU, insisting that it would

increase labour market ri-

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Ruth Lea, policy head of

the Institute of Directors;

said "I'm sceptical. It's

either just motherhood

and apple pie — or it's something which just

doesn't fit with the mone-

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lieved that an employment

chapter was no substitute

for real economic growth.

British Industry said it

opposed any moves that reduced labour market

Insisting that EU mem-

ber states had to address

across Europe" of jobs and

unemployment, Mr Cook

said: That is why we will

support an employment chapter within the treaty of

the European Union. We

will do so because we

believe it is very important that we should balance the

monetary targets that are

already in the treaty linked

to the single currency with

flexibility in Europe.

The Confederation of

all economic objectives.

INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

ANGLIAN WATER yesterday conceded that the Government's wind-fall tax was likely to be legal although it will tell Treasury officials next week that the levy will mean less cash for investment and that customer price cuts will be delayed.

Anglian is pledged to fight the tax if it is legally flawed, but John Green, managing director of water services. said: "We would expect any tax to be levied on a legal basis." He said: There has been no windfall and the tax is retrospective and unfair. But

mandate." Mr Green said the com-pany would emphasise at the Treasury meeting that the tax would mean there would be less cash available for discretionary investment and that customers would not see price cuts as fast as they would have done otherwise. Anglian gave further fuel to sup-porters of the windfall tax yesterday

with a 7.7 per cent increase in pre-tax profits and a 15 per cent rise in its dividend, with the payment brought forward six weeks. A similar aggressive dividend growth is promised with future

results as Anglian is committed to

by the millennium. It now stands at 2.5. But Mr Green denied that its dividend payout and profits showed Anglian had been loosely regulated. He said the incentive-based system encouraged companies to make efficiencies and deliver shareholder

returns first, then customer benefits. Since privatisation in 1989 its water and sewerage prices have jumped 86 per cent to £316. In spite of dearer bills, Mr Green said Anglian customers had benefited from a series of measures this year, including £34 million of discretionary spending and £2 million for a trust to help those with payment difficulties.

further whet the Treasury's appetite for the windfall tax.

Anglian is to pay £19.5 million for Hartlepool Water, an independent water company serving 93,000 people. The agreed takeover has been approved by the regulator after an agreement by Anglian to cut Hartle-pool's bills by 5 per cent from 2001 in addition to any price cuts coming from the next regulatory review. Anglian's 266p a share offer represents a 40 per cent premium to Hartlepool's closing share price on

More business in the home market came from Anglian's clinching of the

the water industry. It has signed up Buxted Chickens from Essex & Suffolk, its present supplier. Buxted will be supplied via a dedicated pipe

connected to Anglian's mains. Anglian, which earlier this year announced 300 job cuts and a technological overhaul of its administra-tion, took a £20 million charge to cover workforce changes that it said would deliver £10 million a year in

Before exceptional items pre-tax profits for the year to March 31 rose to £257 million. The dividend is increased to 34.5p per share, with the final payment payable on August 22.

**EMI** pays

**US** chief

\$50m

severance

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

### **BUSINESS TODAY**

STOCK MARKET INDICES

SSS DOLLAR

EMI Group is giving Charles Koppelman a severance payout of more than \$50 million to step down from his job as chairman of the music

company's north American The payoff makes up more GOLD . than a quarter of the provision EMI is taking to restructure its US business and comes on \* denotes midday trading price top of Mr Koppelman's share of the \$293 million EMI paid in 1989 for SBK, his music

publishing business. Mr Koppelman, 56, was dismissed over the weekend after serving only six months of a new five-year contract at EMI-Capitol Music Group, to buy out. The \$50 million is being paid in a mixture of cash, share options and pen-

sion entitlements. Mr Koppelman's responsi-bilities are being taken over by Ken Berry, who was responsible for launching the Spice Girls and Smashing

Pumpkins. Mr Koppelman's departure is the result of EMI's failure to lift itself out of fifth position among the big music companies in the US.

Although profits rose three fold between 1990 and 1995, sales fell last year and the business has flagged, with a general downturn in the US music industry.

Mr Koppelman oversaw the much-hyped Beatles Anthologies recently, but he has signed up few successful new groups with EMI. The company said this week that it wanted to raise itself to number three among US music

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### Regan's lawyer attacks CWS boss

By Sarah Cunningham

A SOLICITOR representing Andrew Regan, the entrepre neur behind the ill-fated £1.2 billion bid to take over the Cooperative Wholesale Society, yesterday accused the head of the CWS of waging "a malicious, personal vendetta".

Ian Burton, who is defending Mr Regan, 31, in a private prosecution brought by the CWS, said after an initial hearing yesterday that "the only thing Andrew Regan is guilty of is attempting to put a proposition to the members of the CWS".

The hearing at the City of London Magistrates' Court was adjourned until June 18 at the request of the defendants. They are Mr Regan, his partner, David Lyons, and Allan Green, former head of retail at the CWS, who was fired after admitting that he had provided Mr Regan and Mr Lyons with commercially sensitive documents.

The defendants' representatives said that they had re-ceived papers relating to the case only last week. The adjournment was not opposed by CWS. The society has accused Mr Green of theft and Mr Regan and Mr Lyons of aiding, abetting, counselling or procuring the theft and of handling stolen property.

Mr Regan and Mr Lyons did not attend the hearing. Mr Green did, but declined to make any comment.

All three defendants must be decided whether the matter will be heard by the magis-Commentary, page 27 | trates or in the Crown Court.

# Results from United Utilities and Jobs and LVMH move threatens

Louis Vuitton threatened yesterday to force Guinness out of all joint-venture arrangements between the two companies, in a move that could derail the £23 billion planned merger be-tween Guinness and Grand Metropolitan.

equal weight with meeting the financial criteria of LVMH, which holds a 14.2 European monetary union. per cent stake in Guinness, is The signal, by Mr Cook, seeking to activate a "change of Britain's clear intention of control clause in its agreeto support new employment with the British beer and ment provisions in the spirits company that allows it governing treaty of the EU to buy back the Guinness prompted British business stake in the joint ventures at leaders to say that they only asset value if there is a

> If the move is successful, the French luxury goods company

markets for up to ten years. Under the change of control

But Guinness, which owns brands such as Johnnie Walker whisky and Gordon's gin, insisted that the planned merger involved no change of control. The company said it was "completely confident" of its position having taken legal advice before the merger, which will create a new company known as GMG brands.

However, LVMH's inter-vention unsettled the stock market, which fears the dispute could lead to a lengthy legal battle in the French courts next year, and add another hurdle to the complex merger. Shares in Guinness

broader economic objec-tives such as higher levels of employment."

Ministers believe that the Amsterdam summit, which will be the conclusion of the lengthy Intergovernmental Conference on the future of the EU, will now adopt an employ-ment chapter to sit alongside the single currency monetary targets on defi-cit, debt and inflation. M. Arnault, who also serves



LVMH Moet Hennessy as a Guinness director, has

discussions. an attempt to force Guinness

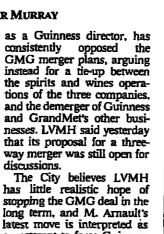
- which owns brands ranging from Givenchy to Dom Perignon champagne — would end up owning the exclusive distribution rights to Guinness products in vital American and Far Eastern to Guinness products in the

clause, LVMH is also entitled to buy Guinness's 34 per cent stake in Moët Hennessy at a discount of up to 15 per cent of the estimated £1 billion mar-

Guinness added that LVMH's move would not delay the merger timetable.

closed down 14p, at 582p, while GrandMet shares fell

15½ p, to 581½ p. LVMH first linked up with Guinness ten years ago, cementing the deal with crossshareholdings between the two companies. But the relationship between Guinness and LVMH has soured over the past 18 months after Bernard Arnault, chairman of LVMH, found his calls for Guinness to demerge its brew-ing operations blocked by Tony Greener, the chairman.



and GrandMet to negotiate exit plan for LVMH. Guinness said yesterday it is prepared to fight M. Amault in the courts, but may opt instead to offer some compensatory payment to LVMH. Analysts estimate that it would cost Guinness up to El billion to buy LVMH's share of the distribution rights

Far East and America. The LVMH joint-venture agreements are particularly sensitive to Guinness and GrandMet as the two companies are hoping to use these distribution channels to pro-mote sales of GrandMet brands in the Far East where the food and spirits company has weak coverage. Analysts also noted that the continuing battle between Guinness and LVMH could damage the performance of the 17 jointventure arrangements between Guinness and LVMH.

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Bernard Arnault, LVMH chairman, hoping to activate 'change of control' clause

### Battle calls emergency electricity meeting

THE Government is to summon the heads of all regional electricity companies to an emergency meeting in an effort to keep on track the ambitious programme to enable households to shop around for electricity from next April (Christine Buckley writes). The demand comes after a meeting

yesterday between John Battle, the Industry, Energy and Finance Minister, and Professor Stephen Littlechild, the electricity regulator, amid speculation in the industry that the Government could delay the project rather than risk anticipated chaos. The meeting yesterday is the second between the two in the short life of the

Labour administration. Mr Battle said: "I want to see competition introduced on schedule, wherever that is possible. We cannot afford a crisis of confidence in energy markets at this

stage."
The regulator's office said that it was working towards April 1998, but advisers were looking at potential problems. A report will be published today.

The Government has made competi-

tion in electricity a priority after a stream of complaints from inside and outside the industry that the huge project lacked leadership and was in danger of falling into chaos.

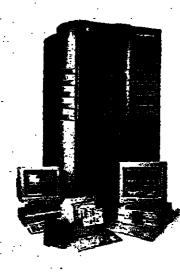
### Rowland pits influence against Lonrho merger

TINY ROWLAND, the former chief executive of Lonrho, has vowed to use his influence with the Ghanian Government and as a director of Ashanti. the gold miner, to block the proposed £2 billion merger between Lonrho and JCI, the South African mining group (Jason Nissé writes).

He has also said that he may ask the European Commission to block the deal. The Commission has already intervened in Lonrho affairs to press for Anglo American, the South African conglomerate, to cut its 28 per cent holding to under 10 per cent. Mr Rowland yesterday issued a circular to Lonrho shareholders detail-

ing his objections to the deal, which would involve Lonrho buying JCl and selling Lonrho's 41 per cent holding in Ashanti to Anglo. Mr Rowland values the stake at more than £500 million. Mr Rowland said that the deal benefited only Anglo, and he chastised Lonrho's management, led by the former Observer sales manager Nick Morrell. "Shareholders have suffered a number of defeats and wrong turnings at Lonrho," he said.

Merger talks between Lonrho and JCI continue in London. Lonrho said that a bulletin may be issued tomorrow.



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# **Up to 60%** make errors on tax form

returned by September 30.

accountants.

The spokesman admitted

that the guidance book issued

to tax advisers contains an error on the taxation of share

option schemes that was

missed in the appendix of

corrections already sent out.

Accountancy Age claimed that the error could affect as

many as 1.5 million people.

The Revenue spokesman said that it was unlikely that the mistake would lead to over-

John Whiting, head of per-

sonal tax at Price Waterhouse,

said yesterday that the self-

as it could be. He said: "There

are a few quirks, but, on the

payment of tax.

THE Inland Revenue's hopes of a smooth debut for selfassessment, its new tax collecyesterday after claims that some tax offices have been swamped by incorrectly completed returns.

The Public Services, Tax and Commerce Union (PTC) said that, in the worst-hit tax offices, one in two forms need correction. An article in Accountancy Age magazine puts the figure as high as 60 per cent in some areas.

Self-assessment is the new system designed to take much of the financial burden of tax collection away from the In-land Revenue. Eight million taxpayers, including the selfemployed and those with investment income, were last month sent a return to fill in.

### Germany set on revaluing gold reserves

THE German Government last night stuck to its plans to revalue the Bundesbank's reserves, in spite of strong criticism of the proposals by the German central bank (George Sivell writes).

Last week, Theo Waigel, the German Finance Minister, surprised financial markets by saying that he wanted to raise the value of the Bundesbank's gold reserves in an attempt to increase the central bank's profits, which could, in turn, be used to trim

Germany's budget deficits. Last night the governing coalition in Germany said that it believed the revaluation plans for the reserves ity and independence of the Bundesbank.

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Derek Finlay, left, and Paul Munn with a model wearing a 1997 knitwear garment

### Near treble for Dawson

By Sarah Cunningham

DAWSON International the maker of Pringle jumpers, nearly trebled pre-tax rofits to £12.5 million in the year to March 29.

Derek Finlay, chairman, said that the improvement. was down to an improvedperformance in the fabrics division and a turnround in .

knitwear and clothing, which saw losses cut by more than £5 million. Mr Finlay, who runs the

company with Paul Munn, finance director, said: "These results have been achieved at times fragile trading conditions in all of our markets." He added: "I am increasingly confident that provided the competitive position of our UK operations is not eroded by the continued strengthening of sterling. Dawson will make further sold progress in the current year."

final dividend of 1.8p (1.5p) on August 13, giving a full-year

THE share price of the Wool-

wich Building Society, which is due be floated in July, could

reach 250p, according to esti-mates, pushing the value of

the average share windfall for the 2.5 million members to

The increase in share price

has been boosted by a rise in

the estimated value of the

society and a decrease in the

number of people qualifying for shares. In January. Wool-wich was estimated to be worth £3.2 billion and the

shares worth between 175p and 200p, now HSBC James

Capel estimates the society could be worth £4 billion.

Woolwich originally

planned to issue 1.69 billion

shares. However, in its listing

particulars issued yesterday, it revealed it planned to issue 1.6

billion shares — a fall of 5 per cent. The society said some

more than £1.400.

Woolwich payout

to average £1,400

By CAROLINE MERRELL

### **NAO** sees Andersen contract as good value

By Jason Nisse

THE National Audit Office (NAO) yesterday described as "strikingly good value" a con-tract with the Contributions Agency that cost Andersen Consulting, the management consultant, E23.1 million to

Its report describes the tendering process for the £171 million deal to computerise the National Insurance Recording System in Newcastle as containing examples of good practice and some lessons ... which may be of value in pursuing other Private Finance Initiative schemes". •

The contract was awarded to Andersen in spite of tough competition and was due to be completed on the orginal timetable in February this year.

However, Ian Watmore, Andersen's head of government. decided last year that the consultant could not meet the deadline. It has now been rescheduled to be completed next year.

The NAO reported that to change the contract Andersen agreed to not take any payments for the first year, at a cost of £8 million. Andersen also bore £8.5 million of additional development costs, covered the Contributions Agency's costs of £3.5 million, and paid compensation of E3.1 million. The total cost to Andersen was £23.1 million.

In exchange, Andersen will retain the intellectual property rights to the software it devel oped. Mr Watmore said that this should be highly marketable and if it completed the contract to the revised schedule this would be "a good deal overail" for Andersen.

Mr Watmore expects the system to be up and running by February, two months ahead of the revised schedule.

If Andersen misses the deadlines it will incurr further penalties, which could, ultimately, be as much as £93 million, according to the NAO. ☐ Arthur Andersen did not develop the Taurus system for the Stock Exchange, contrary to Monday's report. Although information technology, the Taurus system was developed by Coopers & Lybrand.

members had accidentally dis-

qualified themselves from the shares, either through allow-

ing their accounts to drop below a certain amount, or by

paying off their mortgages.
Listing particulars will be sent to Woolwich members

over the next week. The society

will make its stock market

Like the other floating societies, the Woolwich is offering

a free dealing service for those who opt to sell their shares immediately. Woolwich members will be

offered the chance of holding

their shares in a corporate

nominee account or personal equity plan (Pep), or they can opt for share certificates. As

well as a single company Pep, the Woolwich is also offering a

Members must return their forms by the end of June.

debut on July 7.

general Pep.

### BUSINESS ROUNDUP

### Societies seek return of £80m by Treasury

THREE building societies yesterday mounted a legal challenge in the European Court of Human Rights that could force the Treasury to repay taxes totalling more than 180 million. The National and Provincial, Leeds Permanent and Virkshire Building Societies Addition Societies and Provincial Residence Societies Residence Societies Residence Residen Yorkshire Building Society claim human rights breaches because of changes in the law that prevented them going to court over the way tax is levied. The changes came after the

Woolwich Building Society won a £70 million tax refund.
When the three societies launched their cases the laws on how tax was raised on building society interest were changed retroactively, the Strasbourg court was fold, shielding the Treasury from proceedings to recoup nearly £16 million paid by the National and Provincial. £57 million by the Leeds Permanent and nearly £9 million by the Yorkshire. The tax was levied under transitional arrangements introduced by the Treasury to remedy a gap of several months in the tax-raising system on building societies. A verdict is expected this year.

### City addition for M&S

MARKS & SPENCER is to build a second store in the City of London as part of its £1.5 billion expansion drive. The retailer, which last year spent £1 million a week building its first store at Finsbury Pavement in the City, has bought the freehold of 168 Fenchurch Street from Barclays Bank to convert to a 75,000 sq ft outlet. It also plans to add 500,000 sq ft to its existing stores this financial year, including new outlets in Cribbs Causeway, Bristol, and Newry, Northern Ireland.

### Hollick leaves BAe

LORD HOLLICK of Notting Hill has resigned as nonexecutive director of British Aerospace, the leading defence and aviation group, after being appointed a special adviser to Margaret Beckett, the President of the Board of Trade. Lord Hollick, who joined the BAe board in 1992, was said to fear possible conflicts of interest. BAe said his new commitments would keep him too busy to continue as a director. BAe has not yet announced his replacement.

### **Omnicare** takeover

OMNICARE, the AIM-listed healthcare equipment company, has received a recommended 167p-a-share cash offer from Transworld, valuing it at £19.8 million. The US company owns, or has irrevocable acceptances relating to. 50.83 per cent of Omnicare shares. Robert Fine, president of Transworld Healthcare, Transworld's parent, said: "We view this ... as an excellent opportunity to expand our business internationally." Michael Scorey, of Omnicare, said that the offer was fair.

### Hepworth pound fears

SHARES in Hepworth fell 4p to 2542p after the building materials group said at its annual meeting that the strength of sterling will have an adverse effect on overseas earnings this year. Hepworth said that the group's British and continental operations are maintaining sales volumes with the underlying trading outlook positive, but the level of sterling at current rates will have an £8 million to £9 million impact on overseas earnings and export margins.

### Fortune discusses sale

BARRY CHEUNG, chief executive of Fortune Oil, yesterday Midlands Oil & Gas, its UK onshore oil production business. which had net assets of £860,000 at December 31. Fortune is also looking to sell Fuo Duo, its liquefied petroleum gas business in China, which had a net asset value of £3.7 million. Both businesses reported small losses for 1996. Mr Cheung said Fortune has continued to make good progress this year.

### Adidas chief to stay

ROBERT LOUIS-DREYFUS, Adidas chief executive, said ROBERT LOUIS-DREXFUS, Adidas chief executive, said fhat he did not plan to step down and join the German sportswear maker's supervisory board next year as he had earlier planned. Mr. Louis-Dreyfus, who has engineered the turnaround of Adidas after leading a group of international investors that bought the once-troubled group, said at the group's annual meeting that he would like to remain on the management board through the turn of the century.

### Caution on devolution

THE Inland Revenue should continue to administer the tax-code system in Scotland if Scotlish devolution goes ahead, the British Retail Consortium said today. The BRC, which represents thousands of retailers on both sides of the border. also urged devolutionists to protect cross-border business by not varying trading laws or business rates too far from the UK norm. The BRC, in a paper out today, said that existing practices should be followed wherever possible.

### Sony and Toyota talk

SONY and the Toyota Motor group are discussing a plan to develop an electronics components business, expanding their already extensive reach into new fields. Sony and Toyoda Automatic Loom Works, a subsidiary of Toyota Motor, are considering forming a joint venture to produce next-generation liquid crystal displays. ICDs, at present used mainly as displays in notebook computers, are expected to be widely used in desktop computers and televisions when prices come down.

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### Critics round on US telecom merger plans

CONSUMER groups and Wall Street analysts combined yesterday to pour doubt on whether the proposed \$50 billion merger of AT&T and SBC, the US telecommunications groups, would go ahead (Richard Thomson writes).

Critics said that the move would be so anti-competitive that the the Federal Communications Commission would block it completely. The merged company would have total dominance of the market in the US south and south-

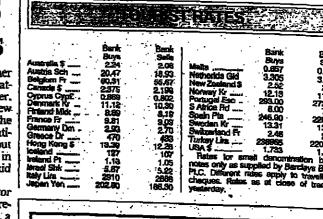
west, they said. The Consumer Federation of America attacked the idea of a merger. which would give the new company 60 per cent of the long distance market, as anticompetitive. Nothing about deregulation is working in favour of competition," said Mark Cooper of the CFA.

Bryan Van Dussen, director of telecommunications research at the Yankee Group, a research consultant, agreed the merger would violate the spirit of deregulation.



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### The European Parliament

announces that it has issued an open call for tenders relating to formiture for the meeting rooms of the Espace Léopold building in Brussels, Rue Wiertz The total commet, subdivided into lots, is for 930 seats and 36 tables

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He is obviously determined that he should not wave through the

deal without gaining particular

advantage. If, as some suspect, his co-operation could be achieved with the simple measure of GMG buying his controlling stake in Moët & Chandon, that could be organised.

Mrs Beckett could prove harder to pacify.

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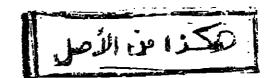
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It was Camelot which felt it It was Camelot which felt it necessary to assure people that it was not being run by a collection of dim amateurs. There, above the happy smiling mugshots of the thirteen men and one woman who make up the board of the lettery operator is the company. lottery operator, is the company's somewhat biased verdict

on the assembled gang.

That was in last year's report. This year the directors may struggle to find a tribute to themselves sufficient to justify the 40 per cent pay rise they have just pocketed between

It is not that the total bill of £2.3 million is out of line for a company with profits of more than £70 million. The problem is that those profits have fallen as the directors' pay has risen. Worse still, the purse that Camelot has distributed to good causes has actually shrunk by more than £180 million. So shareholders, and that group of interested parties we are now obliged to refer to as stakeholders, might have reason to feel aggrieved. Luckily for the lugubrious

Tim Holley, Camelot's gen-erously remunerated chief executive, and his colleagues,

# Everyone a winner at Camelot

there will be no call to justify their pay packages in front of an antagonistic annual meeting. Camelot's five shareholders are all corporate entities — Cadbury Schweppes, De La Rue, ICL, Racal Electronics, and GTech whose own, well-remunerated, directors understand the realities of commercial life.

They will argue that Camelot executives have had to work jolly hard to maintain enthusiasm for the lottery against growing com-petition from increasingly aggressive pools operators, betting shops and the plethora of scratch cards other than their own, and that they have done extremely well against the performance targets they were

Maybe. But to outsiders, the National Lottery still looks like a monopoly and the chaps who run it resemble a bunch of greedy schoolboys let loose in the tuck shop.

The problem may be one of perception, but Camelot has

proved peculiarly incompetent at dealing with its public relations. But why should the directors worry? They know that Cam-elot's monopoly is to come to an end in a couple of years. Whoever the Government decides should



**COMMENTARY** by our City Editor

be the next National Lottery operator — Richard Branson, it could be you — it will certainly not be Camelot.

Nonetheless, if the shareholders are serious in their avowed intention of building a long-term future for the company, operating lotteries elsewhere in the world, they should be aware that public perception will be

Good causes first; snouts in trough, second.

Getting the measure of M Arnault

onsieur Bernard Arnault, owner of a clutch of French fashion houses, has much in common with those who wear his tres chic, tres cher, outfits. He does not like to be ignored. His latest intervention in the cosy drinks party being enjoyed by Guinness and Grand Metro-

politan should be seen in that light. And with his own annual meeting to address in Paris today, it will do him no harm to

appear in fighting form. His demands for £1 billion to win his approval for the deal are not being taken seriously by the two components of GMG. But that is not to say the deal will sail to completion. The regulatory obstacles to this get together should not be under-estimated, and there are companies with ferand there are companies with far more muscle than M Arnaud's who will be doing their best to have it vetoed.

The competition authorities in the United States will be able to effectively put the merger on ice for many months when they begin to investigate the scale of the companies' joint penetration of the spirits market, particularly

In Brussels, the authorities are already looking for submissions from competitors who object to the hefty slug of the market

**WEW** shares

slide on

new warning

WEW, the discount stores

(Sarah Cunningham writes).

The Glasgow company said that trading conditions

have deteriorated further

since its last warning, on

April 28, when it said second-

half pre-tax profit would be "broadly neutral". It is now

expecting a pre-tax loss of £2 million for the year.

It said that expected excep-

tional gains from profit dis-

posals were not now likely to

be fully realised this year.

The board is reviewing the

pace of the conversion of its

73 old-style stores to the new

look, named "The Store,"

which so far is in seven

outlets. It is expected to

speed up the conversion

which the merged outfit would

enjoy.
The scale of the deal means that Brussels takes first bite at examining it rather than our own competition authorities. But that does not mean that the inter-ventionist Mrs Beckett, happily ensconced as President of the Board of Trade, will not take a look. And if, as seems very likely, she takes the view that any takeover which adversely affects competition should be able to justify proceeding on the grounds of public interest, Guinness and GrandMet may find themselves in extremely

The bulk of the job cuts which constitute an important part of the deal will fall in Britain. Finding the public interest in that could stretch the talents of the most skilled competition

By comparison with the problems ahead. M Arnault takes on the stature of a minor irritation.

Harvey Nicks has inspired Sears to seek salvation in the flotation of Selfridges, a genuine depart-ment store, with plans to expand beyond its Oxford Street base out

into the provinces.

Selfridges is expected to attract a heady rating when it makes its stock market debut, probably late next year. Yet there is already one pure department. already one pure department store group on the stock market with a share price that could hardly be called glamorous.

Allders yesterday produced a doubling in first-half profits. Its

stores may not cater for Edina and Patsy, but they appear to be satisying a fair number of customers. It sold its duty free business while there was still something to sell, and is now still hungry to buy more stores.
When Selfridges does make a sparkling, and expensive, stock market debut. Allders may enjoy a little reflected glamour.

### Tiny terror

Lewis Partnership has consistently demonstrated, the customers' appetite for this particular form of retailing never died. Some store operators, how-ROLAND Tiny Roland is back in battling mood. That is good departments, the Royal Mail and the format. House of Fraser being one notable example and still looking distinctly sickly. The flashy flotation of Harvey Nichols is off-cited as evidence all those who enjoy a spirited spat. The core of the argument is a secondary issue to Mr Roland's enthusiasm for the fight and his financial ability to carry it out on a grand scale. Previous enemies ranging from Mohammed Al Faved to Alan Bond and Dieter Bock will relish the spectacle -

# Thorn sets aside £17m to meet likely US damages

By Paul Durman

THORN, owner of the Radio can now only contest the size Rentals chain, has set aside £17.1 million to cover the cost of the damages it may have to pay after losing a legal action in Minnesota in the US.

The Minnesota action is one of a series in which Thom's Rent-A-Center chain is accused of charging an unfair rate of interest in its rental purchase agreements. Mike Metcalf. Thorn's chief executive, said that the company is spending "millions" defending the class actions.

Thorn said the Minnesota provision represents the upper limit of the amount if may be told to pay and represents five or six times the annual turnover of Rent-A-Center's eight Minnesota stores. The company has exhausted the appeals process on liability and

of the damages award.

Mr Metcalf said Thorn has legal advice that the Minnesota judgment will not under-mine the battles it is fighting in Wisconsin, Texas and else-where. He said the problem in Minnesota was that state legislation failed to distinguish properly between rental-pur-chase and straightforward credit agreements.

The legal setback was only one of many in Thorn's first annual results since it demerged from Thorn EMI last August. Company profits edged ahead by only £300,000. to £171 million, and it suffered severe problems in Radio Rentals and Rent-A-Center.

Thorn's shares have slumped from just above 390p to 150p in the last nine months.

repay Daka debt. Compass,

which is paying the \$195

million out of existing cash



Metcalf: legal setback

Yesterday it attempted effectively to "return value" to shareholders by buying back £87 million of shares, equivalent to 14.3 per cent of Thorn's opening market capitali-sation. By issuing a new class of B shares to existing share-

back, Thorn hopes to be able to treat private investors on the same basis as institutions. Straightforward buybacks favour institutional investors.

The transaction will push Thorn's debts above £280 million, or 75 per cent of net assets. However, the company remains confident of cashflow and its financial strength. Thorn intends to pay a final dividend of 9.6p on October 3, which increases the total payout by 2.3 per cent to 13.3p a share.

Radio Rentals suffered an 11 per cent fall in operating profits to £76.2 million, not helped by an unsuccessful, and now abandoned, move into furniture. Thorn has closed 90 of its smaller stores

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### **Kingfisher and Moss Bros** strike note of optimism

By Sarah Cunningham

group, issued its second profit warning in a month yesterday, sending its shares KINGFISHER and Moss Bros, the retail groups, both skidding nearly 14 per cent reported good news from the to a year's low of 15.5p high street yesterday.

The Kingtisher group, which includes Woolworths, Superdrug, B&Q and Comet, said at its annual meeting that in the first quarter of this year sales have remained as buoyant as last year. Total sales in the 13 weeks to May 3 were up 10.1 per cent, while like-for-like sales were up 8 per cent. Last year, total sales were up 10.1 per cent and like-for-like sales

up 7.4 per cent. Kingfisher shares, which have risen from a low of 6042p in December, closed at 721 p. 12p higher on the day but 2p short of their 12-month

Sir Geoffrey Mulcahy, chief executive, sought to dampen any excesses of enthusiasm: "Whilst encouraging, it is only



Mulcahy: note of caution

the first quarter and too early to start drawing conclusions as Kingfisher is heavily dependent on the second half. What is certain is that our markets remain very competitive."

B&Q, the DIY market leader, enjoyed a 14.4 per cent increase in like-for-like sales. Comet sales were up 10.4 per

bought from Norweb Retail, sales rose 34.2 per cent. Superdrug had 6.3 per cent like-for-like sales growth and Woolworths had 6.2 per cent. Darty, the French electrical retailer, saw a 0.2 per cent fall in like-for-like sales.

Tony Shiret, retail analyst at BZW. raised his full-year forecast for Kingfisher from £440 million to £445 million.

Moss Bros, the menswear group that includes the Savov Tailors Guild and Blazer, told its annual meeting that in the first to weeks of the current year, total sales are 27 per cent ahead while like-for-like turnover is up 4 per cent. Neil Benson, chairman, said "the busy months that traditionally end the financial year next January are ahead of us." His buoyant tone sent Moss Bros shares 172p higher to £14.15.

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### **Compass expanding US food operations**

By OLIVER AUGUST

COMPASS, the food services \$110 million will be used to group, is expanding its US division with the \$195 million acquisition of Daka International, which provides a food service to American schools

Mike Bailey, chief executive of Compass Group US, said that the acquisition would allow Compass to grow its position as a leading food service provider in the US education market. According to the group the sector is estimated to be worth about

\$21 billion a year. The group will pay \$85 million in cash through an

### Biotech research chief steps down

By Paul Durman

PETER LEWIS, director of research and development at British Biotech for the past five years, is leaving the board to take a part-time role.

and Marimastat, the pancre-

atitis and cancer drugs. The

reserves, will eventually merge Daka with its US Dr Lewis's departure continues the break-up, over the past two years, of the senior subsidiary. Daka, which has been in the food service business for 20 team that turned British Biotech into Britain's biggest years, operates 710 accounts in and potentially most exciting biotechnology company. A British Biotech spokes-34 American states. Education contracts represent around 73 per cent of its turnover with the rest being business and

industry contracts. Daka also owns two high street retail businesses. They will be demerged to Daka's existing shareholders and are not included in the offer.

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changes also reflect the changing emphasis at British Biotech as it moves from research towards commercial-

> Dr Lewis's deputy, Alan Drummond, becomes research director and the company will appoint a separate development director. Dr Lewis, 53, made about

. £1.5 million when he cashed in share options shortly after the man said that Dr Lewis wantfirst strongly positive results ed to spend more time in on marimastat in late 1995. He France, where his wife and still owns options worth about one of his sons lives. He will continue to advise on Zacutex

The shares rose 4½ p to 260p yesterday, valuing the com-pany at about £1.7 billion.

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### Pub grub restores brewer

By Fraser Nelson

DEMAND for pub grub helped Wolverhampton & Dudley, Britain's largest regional brewer, to return to growth in the first half, helped by the success of its food-led

A series of discounts and promotions in its town centre pubs helped pre-tax profits to strengthen to £18.8 million, up from El8.2 million, in the 26 weeks to March 30, in spite of a 4 per cent sales slowdown. David Miller, chairman,

said margins in the second half would be much stronger after the price increase of 5p per pint four weeks ago, combined with a more modest expenditure plan. The results were helped by £259,000 from property disposals and a first-time contribution of £66,000 from Mercury Taverns.

Total beer and cider vol-

umes jumped 8 per cent over the period, although Mr Miller said there was no discernible improvement in general trading conditions. Analysts forecast the company will make £47.2 million (£43.3 million) in the full year. Earnings nudged ahead to 19.2p (18.7p) after an interim dividend of 6.6p (6p). The shares held at 6462p.



# Halifax shares race to 740p on grey market

flotation looks poised to exceed even the most optimistic forecasts, with the shares racing up 30p to close at 740p on the grey market.

It now looks as though some institutions may be prepared to bid up to 850p for stock ahead of the start of official dealings on Monday. It all bodes well for the Halifax's 7.6 million members, who on average will receive 310 shares worth £2.294.

On Tuesday almost two million. or 23 per cent, of them chose to sell their shares. providing a £4 billion windfall for the economy. It now looks as if the group will be valued at between £18 billion and £20 billion, catapulting it into the list of top ten biggest com-panies in Britain.

The issue looks like topping the Alliance & Leicester. down 4p at 62312p, which started life at 522p and has been as high as 638p.

The equity market gave up an early lead as investors continued to reflect on further losses for gilts and a mixed batch of corporate news. The FT-SE 100 index, up almost 24 points at one stage, closed 4.1 down at 4,677.5 in low turnover of 673 million shares.

A possible delay to their proposed £20 billion-plus merger left Guinness 14p low-er at 582p and Grand Metropolitan 1512p off at 581p.

The proposed share buyback programme gave a much needed boost to Thorn, op dearer at 156p. The shares have fallen from 395p since the demerger with EMI Group. which hardened 312p to £11.76 after the poor response to Tuesday's profits news.

Anglian Water kicked off

the dividend season for the water companies with fullyear figures at the top end of expectations and news of an agreed E19.5 million agreed bid for Hartlepool Water. The shares slipped lp to

United Utilities, reporting later today, rose 812p to 709p, while Yorkshire Water, reporting on Friday, was 12p cheaper at 37612p. South West Water also rose 61zp to 695p. and Thames 7p to 680p. Hartlepool leapt 62<sup>1</sup>2p to 257<sup>1</sup>2p in response to the bid from Anglian as speculative buying among the small water companies saw Bristol 20p better at Ell.65, South Staffordshire 5212p higher at £28.30, Cam-

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David Thompson, left, and Ralph Findlay, of W&DB

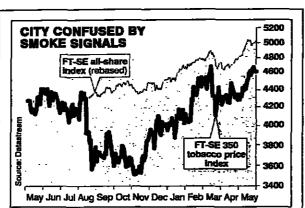
Dee Valley Group 10p up at

Smiths Industries firmed 5p to 76812p as brokers resumed their tour of the group's operations. Smiths is a big supplier to Boeing and a positive picture is emerging.

Rolls-Royce rallied 312p to 246p after the group con-firmed it had identified a gearbox problem on its Trent 700 engine which led to the grounding of a number of Airbus A330 aircraft.

Harrisons & Crosfield, where there has been talk of a demerger, jumped 10p to 119p. Two directors have picked up a total of 485,000 shares at prices of 110p and 11412p.

Celltech, the biotech company, rose 412p to 33812p as the group took a positive line on prospects. Only last week the group saw its share price



The disposal by the Florida State Board of Administration of \$830 million (£518 million) of tobacco stocks that make up its \$62 billion pension portfolio hit BAT Industries, 312p down at 560p, and Imperial Tobacco, 10p off at 386 2p. It came just a couple of days before Gallaher makes its stock market return.

Florida's tobacco holdings, of which 75 per cent is held in Philip Morris, account for 1.3 per cent of its total portfolio. Florida is one of 30 American states suing tobacco companies to recover money spent treating Medicaid patients with smoking-related illnesses. But Jerry Gallagher at Dresdner Kleinwort Benson says that the move is unlikely to hinder the Gallagher float tomorrow .The market has just read it wrong," he said. "It's not

a fundamental problem. Florida is not the first state to sell tobbacco holdings, You can't have a situation where Florida sues the tobacco companies, but continues to hold their stock in its portfolio." The fall in Imps was more likely to reflect Gallaher's flotation, he added.

septic shock treatment during phase three trials. Now Celltech is now pinning its hones on a cancer treatment in co-operation with American Home Products.

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Its second profits warning in less than two months left WEW Group, the retailer, nursing a fall of 2120 at a new low of 1512p, roughly half of what they were in October.

Kingfisher raised sales 10.1 per cent to £1.36 billion during the 13 weeks to May 3. That compares with a similar increase in sales for the whole of last year. After their recent strong run the shares put on only l<sup>1</sup>2p at 72l<sup>1</sup>2p.
Allders responded to a dou-

bling in first half pre-tax profits to £16 million and an upbeat trading statement with a rise of lip to 215p. A 4 per cent increase in like-for-like sales was good for a rise of 1712p to £14.15 at Moss Bros.

Wolverhampton & Dudley Breweries, where David Thompson is managing director and Ralph Findlay finance director, marked time at 64612p after recording a modest increase in half-year pretax profits. But the group was confident of "substantially" improved margins in the second half on the back of a 50 a pint price increase and lower revenue spending.

Hepworth has become the latest casualty of a strong pound. Shareholders were told it could cost the group up to £9 million this year. The shares fell 4p to 254 2p.

GILT-EDGED: Prices suffered further losses in early trading, but closed off the bottom with the help of firmer US Treasury bonds and the

denial that Hans Tietmever

was to resign as the Bundesbank president. Brokers reported switching out of the ten-year range and into longer dated issues. In the futures pit, the June series of the long gilt finished a couple of ticks easier at £1[2516. Turnover grew to 125,000 contracts as investors rolled over 60,000 contracts into the Sep-

tember series. Treasury 8 per cent 2015 lost L<sup>3</sup> 16 at £107<sup>3</sup> 16, while Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was a tick lighter at £102132. ☐ NEW YORK: Shares

lacked a clear direction, with advances and declines matched on both exchanges. By midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 2.15 points lower at 7,381.26.

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### TEMPUS

# Less boring banks

THE boring old banks are achieving astonishing valuations and causing bears to fret. The sector is valued at almost 15 times anticipated earnings for the current year, close to the market multiple. Add to that the frantic pursuit of Halifax shares, which may be valued at more than 16 times forecast earnings, and you have a sector that is. heading for a fall.

Not true. First, Halifax is not as expensive as it may seem. Strip some E3.8 billion in surplus funds from its overweight balance sheet and the adjusted earnings multiple is just over 14 times. That still looks pricey when compared with the single digit ratings of the banks back in the 1980s, but there has been a shift in perception of these institutions and of

the environment in which they operate. in the 1980s and early 1990s the banks were

still in thrall to problem-country debt and latterly to commercial property lending. Today, banks are shifting their capital into the consumer market with the best of the pack tightly focused on mortgage lending, a market where statistical risk is lower and margins higher than in large scale syndicated loans. The change in perception is reflected in valuations with the mortgage-hungry Lloyds TSB enjoying a premium rating while NatWest is at the bottom of the heap, weighed down with its investment banking and securities focus. Banks have not become immune to economic cycles, but the continuing cull of staff and branch closures makes them less sensitive to margin pressure. And the cycle seems to be working in their favour. Bank fortunes track the long gilt market fairly closely and prices at the long end are falling.

### Thorn

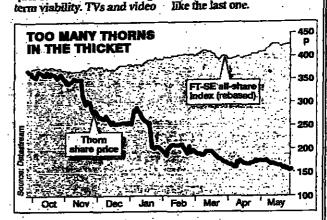
THORN is promising its shareholders another "chal-lenging" year in 1997. Many will believe that the loss of 60 per cent of their capital in Thorn's first year as an independent company was challenge enough.

The rental company faces a host of problems. Radio Rentals in the UK and Rent-A-Center in the US both begin the year with a reduced customer base. In Britain, the rise in insurance premium tax will effectively increase prices, while in America, the threat from the \$100 TV makes it difficult for Thorn to put together a competitive rental deal. Thorn is still spending "millions" in legal battles in the US courts, and has lost badly in Minnesota. And then it is

hit by sterling. Thorn's response is piece-

meal. It is closing small stores and has abandoned a half-baked attempt to extend the chain into furniture. The Danish business will be sold: more Crazy George stores are planned for the UK and more stores in the American backwoods. None of this addresses the fundamental

recorders remain the bed-rock of Radio Rentals, but offer no prospect of growth. Ontimists point to a prospective price earnings multiple of less than seven. However, the shares are only cheap if you believe the business has a future. What is clear is that Mike Metcalf, chief executive, will not survive another year



### Anglian Water

ANGLIAN'S overseas activities have been disappointing. to say the least. This year, the operating loss grew to £6.1 million, from £5.7 million in the previous year. Exception-al charges have eaten up £18.8 million, including £7.3 million from the Brazilian operations and £2.8 million in the Czech Republic, Some £8.7 million disappeared in restructuring charges and

Rationalisation is in hand with the appointment of Tony Eckford as managing director of the international division. Mr Eckford came from the same position in Thames. Water, a company bitterly aware of the hazards of international expansion, as its former chief executive could testify. Anglian has now decided to become more focused. However, its focus is still wider than many would counsel. It is "focusing" on North America, Panama and Australasia.

will make a profit in the next millennium. Until then, investors can expect further losses. The core operations are performing well, but investors should wait to see the results of Anglian's purge of peripheral businesses before buying.

the international business

question about Thorn's long-

### Kingfisher

ANY DOUBTS about whether Kingfisher's recent good form was just a flash in the pan should have been dispelled by yesterday's trading statement. With the exception of the French laggard, Darty. Kingfisher was again firing on all cylinders.

B&Q led the way with a 14.4 per cent increase in likefor-like sales. The do-it-yourself market has staged a remarkable turnaround, and as the DIY market surges ahead, B&Q is still leading the way.

Comet continues to recovcrease in like-for-like sales and further gains made with the addition of the Norweb Retail outlets.

Superdrug also showed gains, but Woolworths. where management changes are due in the autumn, suffered a disappointing slowdown in like for-like sales growth. If Kingfisher has a problem, it will be in maintaming the momentum at Woolworths beyond the current buoyant consumer environment. That will require not only discipline but some imaginative retailing, a skill that Kinglisher has not held in abundance in the past.

Darty still spoils the picture. but some of the blame for the French subsidiary's 15.1 per cent fall in total sales must be placed on the strong pound and the French recession. Kingfisher shares are near a 12-month high, but, with UK consumers still in spending mode, it is worth hanging on for more growth at B&Q and recovery at Comet.

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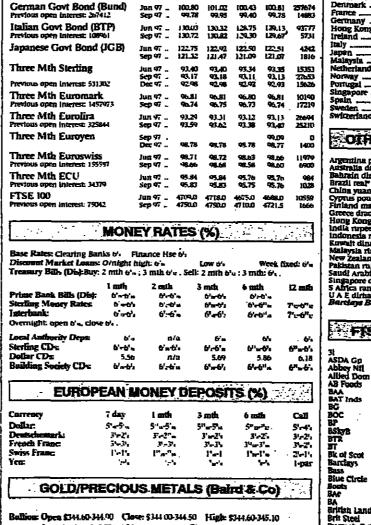
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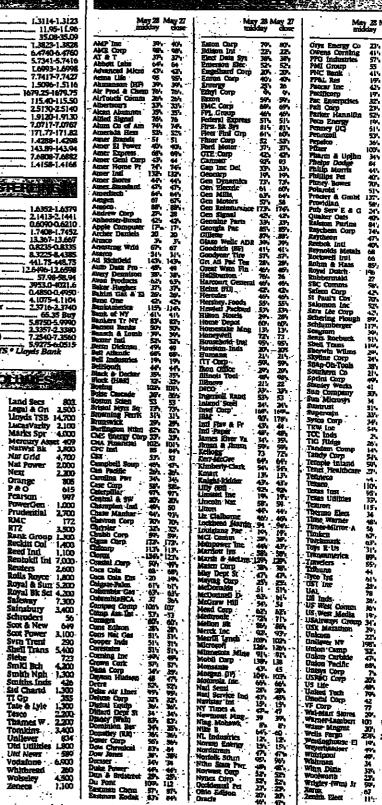
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### The measure of inflation

From Mr Adrian Cosker Sir, You report in your Business Section (May 12) that the Government is planning a review of the way in which unemploy-ment statistics are collected. This is to be welcomed, as the credibility of those figures as a useful guide to the performance of the economy is very weak after the 30 or so changes in their compilation since 1979.

But should the Government not also announce an independent review of the way inflation is measured, given the present inordinate importance to our economy of an arbitrarily chosen inflation

current targeted rate, "underlying inflation", while properly ignor-ing the effect of interest changes, includes the impact of changes in indirect and local taxes, which having nothing to do with inflation, ignores changes in the prices of houses, the biggest asset most of us ever buy, and takes inadequate account of changes in the pattern of consumer spending and of price changes that reflect improvements in the quality

of goods.
With the enormous power the Bank of England now has to determine all our futures, we should be sure it is aiming at the right target.
Yours faithfully,

ADRIAN COSKER, Head of Economics, The Knights Templar School, Park Street, Hertfordshire.

### Credit unions an alternative

From the Reverend Anthony G.J. Irwin Sir. I refer to the report in: The Times (May 13) concerning Provident Financial's £100 million shares buyback. How can anyone with a

conscience invest in a company which takes advantage of the poorest of our citizens with exorbitant interest charges on its loans? It is a great pity that clients could not have been guided to a credit union, if inere was one in ineir area where the maximum interest charged on a loan is fixed at I per cent by law. An APR of 12.68 per cent per year. The interest charge on a £100 loan from a credit union will only amount to £6.50, with no hidden costs. That compares rather favourably with Provident's flat rate of 50 per cent, where a loan for £100 would incur a

£59 in interest. There are over 600 credit unions in this country, which also encourage people to save. Credit unions are owned by its members, the borrowers and savers, who are its

minimum repayment of

Yours faithfully, ANTHONY G. J. IRWIN, 22 Glebeland, Churchstow, Kingsbridge,

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# All the world's a stage for BBC's mine of material

Auntie needs to repackage popular programmes as cash-winning global bestsellers, says Eric Reguly

ters of global marketing, is embarking on a plan to ensure than no corner of the Earth is free of BBC-branded markets in which Discovery operates, notably Latin Ameri-ca. Magazines, videos and CDchannels, magazines, books, tapes and CDs. The multimedia effort is

he BBC, taking its cue from McDonald's and

Coca-Cola, the mas-

Roms could be spun off.
Nicholas Chapman, managing director of publishing and multimedia for BBC Worldbeing directed by BBC Worldwide, the BBC's commercial arm, which is under pressure to develop a stream of profits to wide, said: "Top Gear has dissupplement the increasingly tinctive voice and brand inadequate £1.8 billion income equity. I see it as an internatfrom the annual licence fee. ional brand for petrolheads." This week's appointment of .It has become a cliche to

Carolyn Fairbairn, a former point out that the BBC is one of senior member of the Downing Street policy unit, as BBC Worldwide's director of the best-known brand names in the world, especially in the bits that were once coloured strategy, is designed to speed pink. However, the BBC name up the global campaign. is also considered massively Noddy is a good example of the path that BBC Worldwide underexploited, a treasure chest waiting to be prised open. wants to take. The children's As the BBC's finances come

favourite, which the BBC has on licence from the Enid Blymust be found to supplement ton company, has been ex-ported around the world in the licence fee. This means trawling the portfolio of prod-ucts, from Delia Smith books to almost every medium imagintapes of Alan Bennett reading able. In Britain, he is the star of Winnie the Pooh, to determine a 39-episode animation series has been soun off into which ones, in which iormat Noddy books, audio tapes and will boost income through CDs. He has his own television greater UK and international exposure. Profits from these series in France, where he is known as "Oui Oui". In Japan, products are returned to the the BBC has formed a partner-BBC, which ploughs the money ship with Sony to market into programming and bidding for sports coverage. Lack of Noddy in television, video and book form. In the US, he will funds last year cost the BBC the appear in a 26-part television right to broadcast Formula series produced jointly with the One racing and the FA Cup.

Public Broadcasting System. BBC Worldwide has also Creating BBC-themed sub-scription channels is only part of the job. Dozens of subscrip-tion channels are set to be turned the man-and-dog duo of Wallace and Gromit into interlaunched through joint ven-tures with Flextech, Britain's national celebrities. Americans bought 1.1 million Wallace and second-biggest source of cable and satellite programming, Gromit videos last year, mak-Top Gear, the successful and Discovery. The nontelevision programme that television divisions of BBC spawned a magazine of that Worldwide - consumer pubname three years ago, may be lishing, which includes books, next. The BBC's new joint videos, the radio collection and venture with Discovery, one of character licensing, and the America's largest program-mers, could turn Top Gear magazine division — are also being overhauled to boost into an international product, with cable and satellite programmes in the US and other their profile and profitability.

The effort is taking place in a warren of drab offices in into an international product, with cable and satellite proWhite City, the BBC's west London outpost. The key men distribution networks in the are Chapman, Jeff Taylor, the world. Noddy and Wallace and Gromit are the most director of consumer publishing, and Peter Phippen, director of BBC magazines. All formula so far. three have had careers in the commercial world. Taylor, a the BBC's aggressively non-36-year-old New Zealander commercial culture, and reitching to shake up the system, casting Auntie into a corporate is the newest recruit. Until last athlete will take some time.

sumer video products. The trio is broadly responsible for a collection of business-

year, he was Sony's European

marketing manager for con-



Clarkson: multimedia

million in the year to March 31. up 7 per cent on the previous year. They contributed £28 million in profits, up 17 per cent, to the BBC. Stronger magazine performance was behind the growth; sales fell in the consumer publishing business, largely because of a downturn in the video market and the lack of another hot Delia Smith title.

Taylor's goal is to launch products in every media format and sell them in Britain and around the world. His model is PolyGram, the music and entertainment group that

range. Phippen said: "Our belief is that the future of media marketing is the creation of cross-media brands." Emap and IPC have accused has one of the most extensive

successful examples of the

Taylor, of course, is fighting

One project near fruition is putting BBC kiosks — free-

standing BBC shops, in effect

- into hundreds of WH Smith

and Tesco outlets. The units

would sell books, videos, toys,

apes and the like. Taylor

believes that the free-standing

approach could increase sales

of BBC products by as much as

400 per cent in the stores.

There are also plans for Ameri-

can kiosks, which may find

homes in Discovery retail out-

The magazine division is in

better shape, though its profit

margins are not up to industry

standards. The business has

undergone remarkable

growth. Until ten years ago, the

newest BBC magazine was The

Listener, launched in 1929 (it

survived until the late 1980s).

Seventeen new magazines

have been created since then,

making the BBC the third-

largest magazine publisher, behind IPC and Emap. Its titles include Good Food,

Gardeners' World, Homes

and Antiques, Top of the Pops.

Girl Talk, Wildlife and Radio

Times, Britain's top magazine

Cross-promotion is the

name of the game, and Top

Gear is the best example. It is a

programme - presented by

Jeremy Clarkson - a maga-

zine and a radio show. It is

available in video. CD, and

book form and on the Internet. There is also a Top Gear exhibition. Each format pro-

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lets, among others.

the BBC of having an unfair advantage, and this is so. The BBC has the right to use BBC programmes such as Top Gear and Gardeners' World to promote related products and magazines.

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Phippen says that he would like to double the number of BBC-branded magazines in the next ten years. Three magazine launches are planned in the next year, and titles in science, news and current affairs, the women's market and personal finance are being explored.

The launch of the BBC channels with Flextech and Discovery takes cross-promotion to a higher plateau. "Satellite channels offer a lot of new opportunities for cross-media brands." Phippen said. "Increasingly, the TV marketplace will look like the magazine marketplace."

One of the BBC-Flextech channels, called Arena, which will cover the arts world, is an obvious candidate for a ma zine of the same name. Explorer, the proposed name of a BBC-Discovery wildlife and travel channel in America, could also spawn a magazine. In the end, the BBC Worldwide team hope that the BBC becomes a truly global brand.

And wouldn't it be nice, for a change, to hear Americans complain about the ubiquity of British culture?

### **Business chiefs** poised to sign up for defence review service

Oliver August on who might answer Labour's call to arms

abour ministers seem eager to outdo their leader in acquiring high-profile business buddies. George Robertson, the Defence Secretary, is the latest to be poring over the CBI membership list

Yesterday he announced his long-awaited defence review, which could easily degenerate into what analysts are calling "the mother of all procurement battles".

There is little sense in conducting such a tortuous ex-ercise if it is not going to result in highly controver-sial decisions. Mr Robertson said: "We will look at all of our programmes." Only the nuclear deterrent will be excluded

To find as many allies as possible before any bombshells are dropped at the end of the review in December. Mr Robertson is assembling a panel of experts to advise him. Senior British industrialists will receive their invitations soon.

The undisputed front-runner is George Simpson, the GEC chief executive. Over the past few months, he has tirelessly made known his pro-Labour credentials. As an experienced defence industry insider, he participated in the Labour-inspired Business Commission.

Of course, Mr Simpson's group is also Britain's most diversified defence business. making products from warships to aircraft electronics. Peter Gershon is the managing director of GEC-Marconi, the defence arm. He has been mentioned as another potential candidate.

Executives at Rolls-Royce are also likely to be near the top of the list. The group has finally stopped giving money to the Conservative Party. While Sir Ralph Robbins, the chairman, still looks like a Tory patrician, new Labour should feel more than comfortable with John Rose, the young and congenial chief executive.

Invitations may also reach Lucas Varity, Smith Indus tries. GKN and Vosper Thornycroft. British Aerospace, an industry leader, would seem another obvious participant. Its Eurofighter aircraft is one of Mr Robertson's top priorities.

But doubts have been voiced about the likelihood of Sir Richard Evans, the no-nonsense BAe chief executive, joining the panel. One defence insider said: "He is too outspoken." Yesterday, BAe said only that it might make its own written submission to the MoD. Another concern regarding Sir Richard is his involvement in worldwide arms sales, which could limit his availability. If the review is to be completed this year, members will have to work harder than Martin Taylor, the Barclays chief executive who will spent one or two days a month at the Department for Social Security.

Lord Gilbert, the Defence Procurement Minister, suggested unions should also be heard during the review. Defence insiders had little doubt which trade unionist would join the panel.

Jack Dromey, husband of Harriet Harman, the Social Security Secretary, is a leader of the Transport and General Workers Union with extensive experience of the job losses defence cuts can cause. But a rival candidate could emerge from the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union. John Spellar, Mr Robertson's Under-Secretary, has a strong link with the AEEU as a former officer.

ut will this mighty group of industrialists and trade unionists have much sway over the final result? Mr Robertson said: "No one should be able to claim at the end of the review that they were not given the opportunity to have their say." Presumably, he means that if one has had an input then one cannot complain about the out-

come. Such logic is infantile. George Simpson and others will gear up to defend projects in which their companies are involved. Labour knows that. The new-found love of business will not cloud Treasury judgment when it is looking for savings to avoid tax rises. And Mr Robertson's panel will be dwarfed by a Comi majority of 179 MPs.

The experts can hope only that he can still remember his own words in six months' time. He said: Making sure this country has got a good and competitive defence industry is something this Government has a considerable interest in and will make a priority."

A NEW light has been cast on the decision by John Richards to team up with his buddy Nicola Horlick to create a new investment management business at Société Genérale.

Richards, who was a director of Mercury Asset Management's main operating company, headed the team that managed a £3.8 billion fund that came seventieth out of 71 funds in a recent report from CAPS, the performance measuring firm. Only Scottish Amicable did worse. Richards and Mercury were not helped by moving nearly 7 per cent of



"The main thing is at least our profits haven't dried up"

the fund into cash. Thankfully, most of the rest of the funds that make up Mercury's £90 billion, seem to have outpaced the Richards fund. Mercury insiders say the

ing them bestsellers.

loss of Richards, who is godfa-ther to one of La Horlick's five children, has caused a lot of internal consternation. Watch for more fallout.

### **Bell tolls**

POOR Sir Tim Bell. No sooner has he spent £850,000 acquiring a new political lobbying team for his company, Chime Communications, than he has been hit by a spate of defections. Jon Mendelsohn, a former head of the Union of Jewish Students who was in charge of strategy and rebuttal for Tony Blair until the election, has tempted Neal Lawson, deputy managing director of Lowe Bell Political, and Ben Lucas, Lowe Bell's leading Labour consul-tant, to join him in a new lobbying group. So has Sir Tim, the arch Tory, lost most of his Labour connections? "Try all his Labour connections," Mendelsohn says smugly.

ON THE subject of Sir Tim. he was at SBC Warburg, the merchant banker, for a meet-



ing the other day. Warburg defended the Co-operative Wholesale Society against the bid from Andrew Regan's Calileo, advised by Sir Tim's Lowe Bell Financial. A War-burg johnny asked Sir Tim to justify this role, to which he re-plied: "I plead not guilty as I am guilty of a higher crime. At all material times I was trying to get John Major re-elected as prime minister."

### Beancounter

A FORMER colleague of Sir Tim is Martin Sorrell, the Napoleon of advertising, who has been musing about his choice of career and the nature and future of creativity. Because he is chief executive of WPP Group, the world's biggest advertising combine, his musings are inserted in the WPP accounts. He reflects that he is neither a creative nor a suit, but a money man.

"I like counting beans very much indeed. And I find counting a great many corporate beans a lot more satisfactory than counting a very few corporate beans - and I know that because I've tried both." Even more fun, surely, is counting the pile of personal beans Sorrell is amassing as this climbs so remorselessly towards that multi-million pound incentive package.

### Scillytunnel MICHAEL HARDERN, the

ace "carpetbagger", who is attempting to get on the board of Nationwide Building Society in order to force it to convert, has a history of being a nuisance to company directors.
As a shareholder in the Isles of Scilly Steamship Company, he also tried to get a board position. One of his favoured schemes was a tunnel connecting the Isles of Scilly and the

### Holley lolly

board bid was rejected.

mainland, which would have cost more than the Channel

Tunnel. Needless to say his

POOR Tim Holley. Camelot's chief executive, currently on a morale-raising tour of Came-

lot's regional offices in the wake of all those horrible things said by Labour, has never been one to look forward to the annual results. due out early next month. Anyway, imagine his horror yesterday when, waiting for a connection from Glasgow to Camelot's offices in Aintree, word came in that the zealously guarded figures had been leaked to that incisive organ, Marketing Week. Camelot's PR machine spent the day trying to counter the inevitable Fat Cat headlines. Holley, whose package rose 53 per cent to £590,000 last year, according to the leaked figures. did not enjoy better fortune as the day went on. He missed his connection.



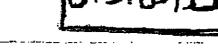
Tim Bell's group has been hit by a spate of defections



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### **Allders** shopping around for more purchases

By Sarah Cunningham

ALLDERS, the department store group that bought eight Owen Owen stores last year, planning further

Harvey Lipsith, chief executive, said that the new stores contributed £50 million to the £267.6 million sales revenue in the first half of this year. Excluding the new stores. sales were up 13.3 per cent.

The new stores and three of the older Allders branches, at Croydon, Bromley and Portsmouth, are in the middle of a E35 million refurbishment The group is looking for either the odd store here or there, or something larger" to buy, Mr Lipsith said.

He said Allders was not interested in any of the House of Fraser stores up for sale. If Littlewoods the high street chain that is also for sale were sold piecemeal, Allders would be interested in buying some branches, he said.

In the six months to March 31. Allders pre-tax profit doubled to £16 million. Earnings per share, after a share consolidation on May 6, rose from 3.8p to 15p. The interim dividend increases to 3p per new consolidated share, compared with 24p per old share. It is payable on August 21.

The company had cash of El7 million at the half-year stage. This will be spent by the year-end on the refurbishing programme, but the group will remain ungeared. Further acquisitions could be funded from borrowings, or by the issuing new shares. Mr Lipsith said.

Allders shares rose lip to 215p mainly because of the strong trading figures. In the first seven weeks of this year, like-for-like sales were up 7.2 per cent, but after excluding the timing of the mid-season sales, sales growth was 10.1

John Pattison, chairman. said the high rate of growth seen at the start of this year was unlikely to be maintained in the second half. He suggested that the forthcoming Budget, plus the potential for further interest rate increases, might produce uncertainty among consumers. But he the refurbished stores should begin to show next year.



Looking ahead: Harvey Lipsith, chief executive of Allders, right, with Rod Ivey, finance director, and Stan Kaufman, managing director, centre

# Ofgas under fire for allowing Centrica to cut prices by 12%

GAS COMPANIES yesterday accused Clare Spottiswoode, the gas regulator, of jeopardising competition after she backed a controversial move by Centrica, the newly named domestic half of British Gas, to cut some of its prices in

the South West. Centrica can now cut its tariffs by 12 per cent for direct debit customers in the South West, the first area where rival companies have been allowed to compete for household business. The company started offering the discount earlier

Ofgas says that the approval is only for "the time being". Competitors argue that competition has not been properly established, as Centrica has 80 per cent of the market.

Although Ms Spottiswoode has demanded that Centrica must consult before it implements any other cuts, and that this endorsement is not a

ductions, it is expected that the company will press for acrossthe board price reductions.

Rival companies, who are offering prices up to 25 per cent cheaper than Centrica, believe the concession on prices will encourage customer apathy and threaten competition. Some say that the switch rate halved when Centrica first introduced ValuePlus, its direct-debit discount in the South West.

ing director of Calortex, said: "She has bottled out with this decision. We are very disappointed and astonished that when one player has 80 per cent of the market, competition is deemed to have happened. This flies in the face of the regulator's duty to estab-

lish true competition." Ms Spottiswoode, as the

regulator, must be satisfied that competition has been achieved before sainctioning

> to compete effectively."
>
> A spokesman for Eastern Natural Gas said Centrica should not have been allowed to cut its prices for two years in order to ensure competition would last.

> oly, but Ms Spottiswoode has

never set a target for Centrica's loss of domestic

Caroline Harper, managing

director of Amerada Hess, said the decision meant that

competition should be set up

throughout the country as

quickly as possible in spite of

arguments from BG, the pipe-

line half of the demerged

British Gas, that its systems

may not be ready. "We need to

get on with this quickly other-

wise no one will have a chance

market share.

The Gas Consumers Council joined the fray, saying it did not believe that other suppliers had yet won enough market share to sustain competition in the longer term.

Two million homes can shop around for their gas in the South West, Dorset, the former Avon area and parts of Kent and Sussex.

The next part of the roll-out programme has been suggest-ed for October, when it would stretch to Scotland and the

### RESS ROUNDUP

### Ulster investments to create 6,000 jobs

PLEDGED investment worth £633 million will produce 6,000 new jobs and safeguard another 5,500 in Northern Ireland over the next four years. Bruce Robinson, chief executive of the Industrial Development Board (IDB), said; "It represents a significant level of confidence in Northern Ireland as a profitable business location." The commitment to invest in the manufacturing and internationally tradeable service projects was the highest ever planned by client companies, according to the IDB's end-of-year statement.

Externally owned companies planned to invest £490 million in 35 projects, offering 4.641 new jobs and safeguarding a further 3.345. Ten of the projects were in or near disadvantaged areas. Local companies provided £143 million for 1,364 new jobs and guaranteed the future of 2,232 more. Northern Ireland export companies continued to outperform the UK as a whole, Mr Robinson said.

### Bandai chief steps down

BANDAI, the Japanese toymaker, said Makoto Yamashina intends to step aside as its president to bear responsibility for the failure of a planned merger with Sega Enterprises.
However, Mr Yamashina plans to stay with the company as chairman. Bandai said: "President Yamashina personally intends to resign to become chairman in order to take the responsibility for the cancellation of the merger." Bandai is known for its Power Rangers and its Tamagotchi virtual pet toy.

### Luminar to expand

LUMINAR, the discotheque and restaurant group, plans to create 300 jobs over the next ten months through a E27 million project to open nine Chicago Rock Cafe outlets and three more discotheques. It returned expected pre-tax profits of E3.68 million (£2.92 million) in the year to February 28 after opening seven more units and raising £15.6 million through a right issue. Experience units and raising £15.6 million through a rights issue. Earnings were 17 per cent ahead at 17.3p a share.

A final dividend of 4.67p, due on July 23, lifts the total to 7p.

### Pulpex seed planted

OMLX, the exchange that executes and clears Scandinavian equity derivatives, has launched Pulpex, its first commodity contract, a wood pulp contract. The creation of Pulpex will enable pulp producers and paper-makers to hedge their exposure to the volatility of pulp prices. Pulpex contracts will be physically delivered - each contract will represent 24 tons of Northern Bleached Softwood Kraft, ensuring that future prices reflect the underlying market.

### **SEC lifts payout**

SEC Group, the independent financial adviser network operator and traded endowment market-maker, raised pre-tax profits from El million to El.9 million in the six months to March 31, on sales of £41.2 million (£24.5 million). Earnings rose from 4.44p to 7.48p and the interim dividend is 2.25p (2p). Max Rosen, managing director, said that the strong per-formance of IFA Network, acquired in May last year and which contributed for the full six months, was pleasing.

### **Daimler forecasts rise**

DAIMLER-BENZ, the German industrial conglomerate, should see "substantial" increases in operating profit and sales this year, building on a solid rebound to profitability in 1996. Juergeri Schrempp, chairman, told shareholders at the annual meeting yesterday. He said that sales should be "substantially" above last year's DM106.34 billion. Daimler said that group sales in the first four months of 1997 jumped 15 per cent to DM36.3 billion.

# Kunick nursing £200,000 charge

KUNICK, the arcade games to nursing homes group, has run up a £200,000 expenses charge after backing out of an agreed takeover deal at the eleventh hour.

Although the company refused to disclose details, it is understood it had agreed a price for a bolt-on acquisition but pulled out after its auditors disputed financial projections.

The news surprised the City, identify the intended target. One said: "It would be folly to make another games machine acquisition and they could not digest another manufacturing deal. There is no immediate acquisition that would seem to make sense, so the fact that the takeover fell through comes as quite a relief."

The costs of the failed takeover held the company's pretax profits at £4\_32 million (£4 million) for the six months to March 31 as earnings rose to interim dividend of 0.35p (0.3p) is payable on July 11. Its French nursing homes division, which is being prepared for disposal, held occupancy rates at 98 per cent while lifting profits 48 per cent. A modest decline in sales

from its French arcade game division was worsened by the stength of the pound, as total profits from France slipped 1 per cent to £934,000.

The UK arcade games division, which supplies pubs run and Scottish & Newcastle, was boosted by heavier orders from the brewers. Relaxion, its leisure centre management division, won orders to look after the sports facilities of a further five English local authorities over the period. bringing the total to 18.
Russell Smith, chief execu-

tive, said that many of the new orders were from Labourcontrolled authorities. He added that although about 65 leisure contracts were

sion was interested in bidding

### for only about six of them.

### ACCOUNTANCE

Millett's judgment in the case of

AGIP (Africa) Limited v Jack-

son & Co concluded that ac-

countants "knowingly laun-

dered money" through specially created shell companies. The

ICAEW claimed that there was

insufficient evidence" and failed to investigate the involve-ment of big firms. It never ex-plained why its judgment is sup-

erior to that of the High Court.

accountancy bodies are re-

quired to monitor auditors' work. They refuse to name the

firms producing poor audits. Anyone selling crisps, sweets or cars has to call back faulty

products and compensate con

sumers. This does not happen in

auditing or insolvency. The accountancy bodies now claim

that audit monitoring is not concerned with checking audit

quality. It is only supposed to

check mechanical compliance with auditing standards. The Financial Reporting Review Panel (FRRP) has found fault

with audited company accounts

and has forced company direc-tors to make public revised

accounts. By implication, this

also raises questions about the

After the Companies Act 1989,

IN THE maelstrom of proposed changes to City regulation it had become hard to see quite where the accountancy profession fitted into the Government's plans. But the waters are clearing meetings are taking place. And the line that is likely to be taken on the imprecedented appearance of accountancy proposals in the election manifesto for

business is emerging.
As the article alongside shows the indefati-gable Austin Mitchell, MP, has lost none of his reforming zeal though he is, apparently. not measuring up to what his accounting zealots had presumed would be theirs with a new Labour victory. As Mr Mitchell's wife revealed last weekend she is being deluged with faxes from Professor Prem Sikka, who has long been battling on the reform front and has provided Mr Mitchell with much of his ammunition. In particular, Prem had

priority. It is in the manifesto, which said, first: "We will

Board (APB) in the most logical place. The transfor-mation of the APB from a body charged with making audit more useful and laying down rules into a political football has been remark-

Financial Reporting Council (FRC), which has the Accounting Standards Board (ASB) under its wing. The independence of both is widely regarded as being exemplary. Some campaigners would like to see the APB under the FRC wing also. But the profession, except for CIMA, the management accounting body, has tended to see its place under the

wing of the proposed review body. wing of the proposed review pody.

This comes down to arguments about independence. At this point the Department of Trade and Industry joins in. It tends to see the APB's place as being with the FRC. Mr Mitchell, and Professor Sikka, also take that view. It is a strange one. They argue that any

profession. Yet no one seems to have taken on board the fact that the FRC, which is seen to be highly independent and the preferred guardian of the APB, is stuffed with accountants, while it is proposed that the new review board should have a majority of nonaccountants at all crucial points.

But logic has little to do with these arguments. The hope will be that the Government will not want to go back to the drawing board. The review board proposals would work well enough, with perhaps a bit of tinkering to show that the politicians had not accepted the idea without an argument. and they have the long-stop of a full review of the board's working built into the plans. The second part of the manifesto commit-

ment was more confusing: "We will review the laws on joint and several liability so that incorporation in this country provides accountants with adequate protection. The point of reviewing the unfair rules on liability

was not to provide protection via incorporation but via a system akin to the US where limited liability partnerships are allowed.

When the DTI issued a consultation paper on the issue it seemed to have scooped chunks of corporate law into the proposals. Small wonder that some of it seemed strange when applied to partnerships. In particular, the proposed idea of a "clawback" system seems likely to provide much work for lawyers rather than justice and compensation for

creditors. So it looks as if this might take more time. There is a growing uncase at the DTI.

All these new regulatory proposals for the City are taking work from its remit into the Treasury and the Securities and Investment Board. They will be more nervous about floating changes.

Despite that, proposals for a UK version of

limited liability partnerships would be fairly easy to roll out. But the Government may want a higher degree of quid pro quo beforehand. And this is where the profession has to be canny. All new proposals are being tested against their value to the consumer and those in small business. The arguments on fairness and justice for accountants need to be allied with those showing that consumers and business will benefit, it is time for a plethora of initiatives on openness. regulatory hody needs to be far from the Otherwise reform will slow to a crawl.

# Calling auditors to account took action or produced any public report. Lord Justice

Austin Mitchell says it is high

time to end self-regulation in the auditing and insolvency sector

The Covernment's early decision to put financial sector regulation on a firm statutory and independent base is particularly welcome because it is so long overdue. It was first proposed by Bryan Gould during the parliamentary passage of the Financial Services Act 1986 and since then the Tory obsession with selfregulation, chaps regulating chaps, has resulted in a plethora of ineffective, duplicating, wasteful and impotent selfregulating bodies. Despite a decade of scandals, failures and pension mis-selling, they have proved able neither to discipline major companies nor to secure compensation for the public.

At last we have a new start. The revamped Securities and Investments Board (SIB) can become the British equivalent of a Securities Exchange Commis-sion, with teeth, independence and the will to advance and defend consumer rights. Yet those independent regulatory arrangements should be extended to auditing and insolvency. The five competing recognised supervisory bodies for auditing have duplicating structures and committees. Eight regulators deal with 1.900 insolvency practitioners. On top of this are the Joint Disciplinary Scheme (JDS), the Financial Reporting Council (FRC) empire and the proposed Review Board. Add in the inevitable buckpassing of self-regulation and the endless multiplication of rules, and the result is a mess. The accountancy trade associations have neither the will nor the resources to regulate giant multinational accountancy firms. So they have rulebook with numerous exceptions. All of it is incapable of dealing with the big firms though it is excessively macho to small practitioners.

The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW) is supposed to defend consumer interests and the public. Shamelessly, it has supported the demand from the, big firms for even more protection from liability cases arising from their negligent perfor-mance of their statutory monopoly. Its submission to the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) does not say anything about the plight of those who suffer from audit failures.

The accountancy bodies have a history of opposing reform. They have always tried to keep audit privileged and out of regulatory structures. They opposed any need for auditors to detect or report fraud to regulators. They showed a lack of concern for those suffering from



Austin Mitchell lambasts the 'chaps regulating chaps' system

the BCCI, Maxwell and Barlow Clowes debacles. Despite the BCCI frauds, the ICAEW urged Lord Justice Bingham not to force auditors to report fraud to the regulators. He disagreed and a "duty" was imposed.

The DTI inspectors regularly find fault with auditing firms. Yet, every time, the ICAEW imitates the three unwise monkeys. It failed to investigate the overall standards of any of the firms implicated in hig scandals. In the US, a report on the audit failures at BCCI was ready within 18 months of the bank's closure. Here, we are still waiting. Though one is promised by the year 2010, there have been no reports on audit failures at Polly Peck, Levitt and others. Numerous complaints about the excesses of insolvency practi-

tioners have been referred to the ICAEW. Television and radio programmes have regularly highlighted the predatory and greedy activities of a number of firms. Yet no regulator either

quality of audit work. Some 23 cases have been referred to the ICAEW. It has been unable to get off its bended knee to the big firms in respect of any. Self-regulation in auditing

and insolvency has to go. The end of self-regulation in financial services is the time to do it. Austin Mitchell is Labour MP for Great Grimsby

### Accounting Technicians were somewhat surprised to see Professor Mike Harvey glad-

gone along before. MEMBERS at the annual meeting of the Association of

handing his way around the a poll said that non-members place. After all, he was the repshould be barred. No one is resentative from the traitorous certified accountants who have pulled out of the secondtier body. People were pointing out that the proposed rival qualification, that of Certified Accounting Technician, was a CAT and like Kipling's ver-

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### Reform plans need blast of fresh air

wanted to know why Mr Mitchell had not been made Minister for Trade and had sent her a questionnaire about it But accountancy is still a

ensure there is a framework of independent regulation for the accountancy profession". Fortunately the profession is producing such a framework. But it may not satisfy the Government. The much-discussed plan sets up an independent re-view board. But it does not place the Auditing Practices

able. And it has resulted in some strange twists of logic. Financial reporting is policed by the



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Call goes out to alumni

THE large accounting firms have long understood the importance of keeping in touch with their alumni. After all, you never know which unreliable audit student is going to finish up as finance director with a potential client. Arthur Andersen and Price Waterhouse have been particularly active in this field. Andersen plans a party for 1.000 alumni in a marquee in its office court-

yard on June 11. So it came as a bit of a surprise to find KPMG taking advertisements in the Open and closed

national press last week with inducements for alumni to phone home. All that was required to qualify for a prize. including a nine-day QE2 cruise to Spain for the Ryder Cup, was to phone in and register. To say that KPMG's competitors are crowing is an understatement. They assume

that all internal information systems have broken down.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

IT IS one step forward and one back when it comes to openness at CIMA, the management accounting body. It has opened up its council meetings to members, but not to the public, More than 80 per cent of members who responded to

sure what the editor of Management Accounting, the institute's journal, is going to do. Theoretically, he should now be barred. But he has always Cat-like stealth

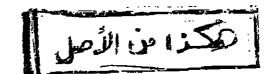
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FILM 1

Clint Eastwood is eyewitness to a murder in his fine new Hollywood thriller, Absolute Power



**■** FILM 2

Kicking the habit: friendship blooms where you least expect it in the heroin-inspired comedy Gridlock'd





■ FILM 3

A tender regard for human failings - and plenty of exquisite food makes Big Night worth seeing



FILM 4

The cheesy Turbulence resurrects every cliché going, but still manages to be enjoyable

CINEMA: Geoff Brown finds Clint Eastwood's retro style perfectly suited to a classic potboiler turned star vehicle

# Dial E for Eastwood

t one time Presidents in American movies were considered so august that they could only be depicted as a ray of light, glimpsed through a White House door. Then the Presidents began to have faces: faces you could trust, like Henry Fonda's and Raymond Massey's. Times have changed radically, Anyone can be President now. one can be President now, even Gene Hackman, master of the shifty look and the madly insincere smile.

In Absolute Power he enters the story early, playing rough in his mistress's mansion, while her husband, political powerbroker E. G. Marshall, is off in the Bahamas. The noise encourages two Secret Servicemen to burst into her bedroom and shoot her dead. The crime scene is licked clean, except for a letteropener decorated with blood and fingerprints. There is also

a witness: Clint Eastwood. A veteran burglar, known to the police, he is rifling through the powerbroker's vault in a room with a view of the bedroom beyond. He observes in silence and shadow: a scene carefully controlled, like all others, by Eastwood the director. There is no waste in Absolute Power. The images are as lean, clean and functional as those served up by the old masters of Hollywood action, Howard Hawks and Raoul Walsh

The retro style is not only pleasant. It is also appropriate for a movie that for all its modern noises about the worthlessness of politicians remains at heart a vintage potboiler polished into a star vehicle. The witness to murder who becomes the murderers' new target: this is an old story. The celebrated screenwriter a penis implant." It is Tim William Goldman, working from a bestselling novel, merely dresses it in fancy clothes.

You also feel the weight of the ages in scenes between the burglar and his estranged daughter, a deputy district attorney, spiritedly played by Laura Linney. "Go to the police. That's what innocent people do," Linney cries, when Eastwood is implicated in the mayhem. But we all know that if he goes to the police, there is no movie.

For there would then be no chance for Eastwood to do what he does best play the skilled loner who outfoxes opponents, and exudes moral superiority by his walk and talk (not that there's much of the latter). Acknowledging the souls smuffed out. Then the march of time, Goldman's penny drops. This is a comedy.

Absolute Power 15, 12i mins Gleaming potboiler from Clint Eastwood Gridlock'd Warner West End, 18, 91 mins Funny times with heroin

night at the trattoria Unappetising uplift drama

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Warner West End, 18. 100 mins

script includes jokes about age and pacemakers. Eastwood. 67 on Saturday, tosses them off lightly, for he knows his star power is not under threat. Other players grab their

chances gratefully. We have seen Hackman's oily operator before, but it is still delicious watching him hear the latest bad news from his Chief of Staff, Judy Davis, while they whirl elegantly round the dance floor. The script does its own bit of whirling, and lets improbabilities pile up. We excuse them: a tribute to Eastwood's absolute power, as

actor, icon and director. "I'm thinking about getting Roth speaking in that allpurpose American drawl that seems to have replaced his native British accent. A feckless heroin addict and musician called Stretch, he starts the film Gridlock'd strung out, although in better shape than Thandie Newton, who gets rushed to hospital in a coma. Roth's other buddy, Spoon by name, played by the late Tupac Shakur, displays more sense, although the pair still try to swindle drug dealers and sell bricks disguised as

video cameras. For a while this film, a first directorial fling by the actor Vondie Curtis Hall, looks like your ordinary tale of urban hell of splattered heads and penny drops. This is a comedy.

addicts Big Night Warner West End. 15. 109 mins

Prolonged but tasty The Spitfire Grill Warner West End, 12.

Mon Homme Bertrand Blier twiddles

The "Airport" movies live again

> about Stretch and Spoon on New Year's Day, struggling to fulfil a hasty resolution to kick the heroin habit. What gets in the way is bureaucracy: the precise qualifications for a detoxification programme, the art of form-filling and surviving a queue. Police and ag-grieved dealers further complicate their life.

As director, Vondie Curtis Hall, best known perhaps as Sugar, the zydeco guitarist in Passion Fish, clearly suffers from first-film nerves. He engineers show-off transitions between scenes, then lets the scenes themselves run ragged. But he knows how to control his cast. Rap artist Shakur. shot dead last September shortly after completing this movie, usually played angry black brothers; yet the level-

headed Spoon suits him well. And you sense a real rapport with Roth as they wait and curse in dingy offices, or inflict "pretend" stab wounds to land in hospital. Both performers go a long way to make Gridlock'd sharp, funny and likeable: a film that celebrates the flower of friendship blooming where least expected.

Camaraderie is also a theme of Big Night, a friendly lowbudget venture directed by two more actors, Stanley Tucci (see interview overleaf) and Campbell Scott. This is a tale of two Italian immigrant brothers in late Fifties America, straining to make a success of their restaurant on the New Jersey shore. Primo (Tony Shalhoub), the chef, is an artist in pasta, who refuses to compromise on quality. Younger

brother Secondo (Tucci), the business manager, has a larger itch for success, and eyes with envy the ritzy restaurant down the street, run, inconuously, by Ian Holm.

ucci's script written with his cousin, Joseph Tropiano, takes its time observing the characters and manoeuvring round the conflicting values of the Old World and the New. The slow pace and intimacy suggest a stage piece; so does the central device of the anticipated guest - the entertainer Lou Prima, invited for the restaurant's "big night" who never arrives. The film's drawback is its overstretched length and visual timidity. Its virtues include thoughtfulness, and a tender regard for

human failings. Plus, of course, the exquisite food, which is always being talked about, prepared, or consumed. Eat beforehand.

Better book a table with Tucci and Shalhoub than visit The Spitfire Grill, a diner in Maine, and an unfortunate magnet for those awkward little dramas that stuff so many meaningful had films. Alison Ellion, a young woman just released from prison. finds work with the Grill's owner, Ellen Burstyn. There are secrets to learn, fears to overcome, aspirations to fulfil: but Lee David Zlotoff, the writer and director, new to cinema although experienced in network television, never juggles the ingredients deftly enough to rean the benefit of

his good intentions. The cast

acts as though it were in a much better film. So does the troupe in Mon

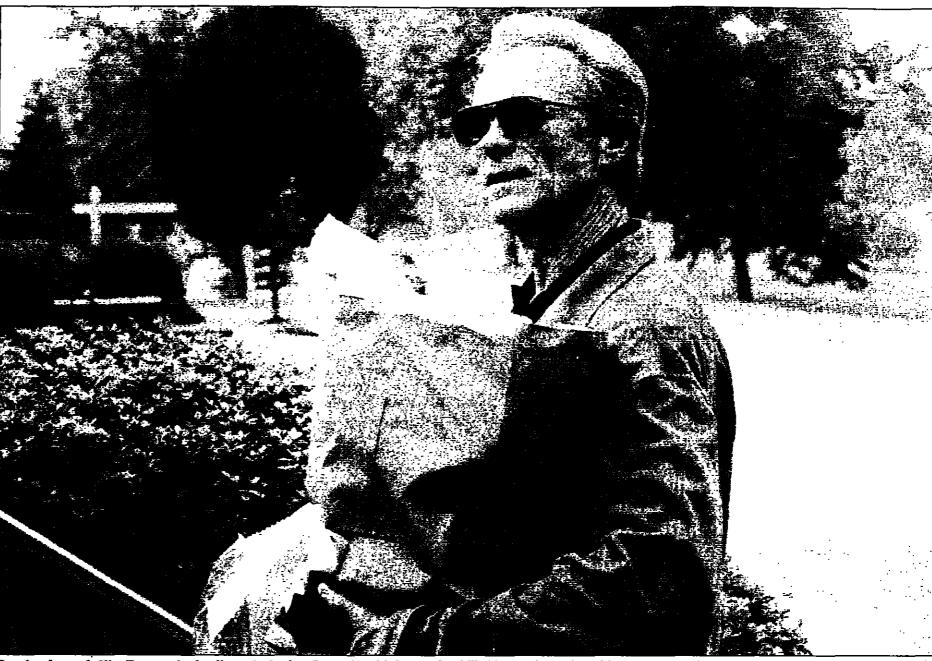
Homme, which provides further evidence of Bertrand Blier's urge to shock the bourgeois, play with sexual relationships, and showcase his current muse. Anouk Grinberg. The gamine charmer plays a happy hooker, so enraptured by sex with a tramp found near her garbage that she invites him to be her pimp. Once the pimp (Gerard Lanvin) lands in jail, some unlikely social comment snakes through the script, dislodging the outlandish comedy that is Blier's strength. Elderly gents puffing up the

stairs to Grinberg's wares: love-making synchronised to the mystical sounds of Gorecki: these are some of the

highlights. The cast is sprinkled with notable names, such as Olivier Martinez and Sabine Azèma. But they are never enough to stave off the feeling that Blier is cocking snooks that he has cocked too

many times before. That old familiar feeling looms even stronger in the cheesy but enjoyable Turbu-lence, from TV veteran Robert Butler. This resurrects every cliche last seen cruising at 3.000 feet in the Airport movies of the Seventies. Here is the killer, Ray Liotta, who hijacks the 747 jet. Here is bad weather. And here is the flight attendant. Lauren Holly. forced to play pilot when everyone else appears dead. To make matters merrier, it's Christmas. Happy viewing.

everybody.



Burglar shopped: Clint Eastwood, who directed Absolute Power, is at his best as the skilled loner who outfoxes his opponents and exudes moral superiority through his walk

# Clint does it again

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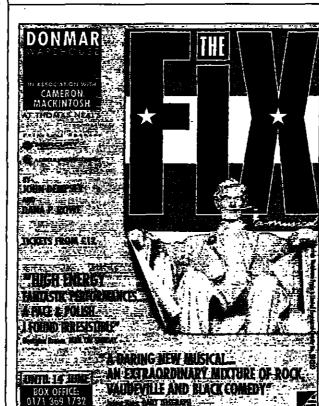
Leslie: A culinary delight which lacks a little meat. Tim: Fine acting in this witty. entertaining and moving romp. Make sure you eat beforehand because you will come out very hungry.

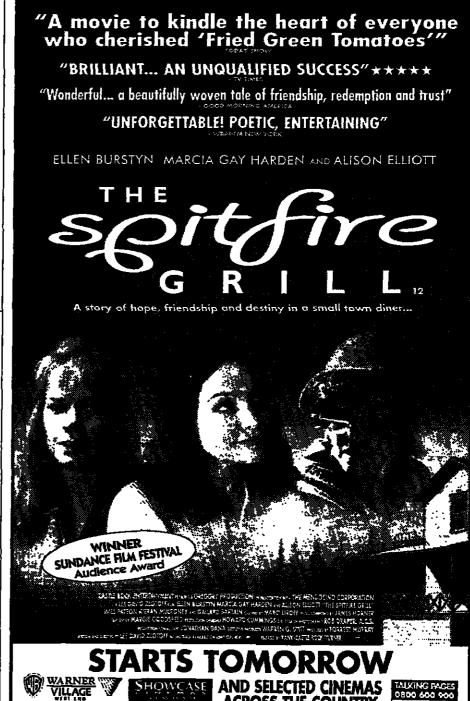
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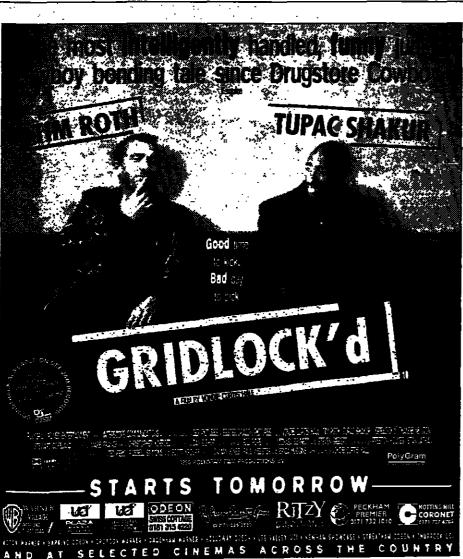
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# A stone-cutter and his lass

**JUDE** PolyGram. 15. 1996

NEITHER Thomas Hardy's last novel nor the film's director. Michael Winterbottom, are cut out for pretty pictures, and the sheer misery of this tale about dashed hopes and illicit love can get you down. But visually much is remarkable: Christopher Eccleston acts in earnest, and Kate Winslet gives a mesmerising performance as Sue, the stonecutter's vivacious cousin, turned wan by the blows of fate. Available to rent.

**■ BROTHERS IN** 

Connoisseur, 15, 1996 RESONANT drama about illegal immigrants in 1960s Britain, huddled in stairwells northern town. Excellent acting and a fine sense of character help to give the film its forward drive and lighten the tone in a tale that could seem oppressive. Om Puri is dignified as the house leader Hussein Shah; Angeline Ball gives a good floorshow as the naive Irish girl whose spark prompts the house to explode. Director, Udayan Prasad.

■ THE CRAFT Columbia TriStar, 15, 1996 MODESTLY pleasing variation on the high-school movie showcasing lively young actresses such as Fairuza Balk and Robin Tunney. Witchcraft is practised by social misfits at St Benedict's Academy, Los Angeles. Director and co-writer Andrew Fleming treats their vengeful pranks with jaunty black humour. Then he catches the overkill bug, and the film capsizes into routine horror. Available to rent.

■ THE CRUEL SEA Warner, PG, 1953 STURDY and sober Ealing treatment of Nicholas Mon-

sarrat's bestseller about the

dangerous voyage of an Atlan-

tic corvette during the Second World War. There are big parts for Donald Sinden and Denholm Elliott, then new talents. but Jack Hawkins's Captain Ericson strikes the dominant note of emotional restraint and patriotic duty. Women hardly get a look in: the real heroine, as the commentator suggests, is the ship

■ ROBINSON IN SPACE Academy, PG, 1997 FURTHER dry intellectual

games with Patrick Keiller, director of London, who sends his unseen narrator and his equally unseen friend, Robinson, on a journey through an England adrift from its past and destabilised by its present. Pylons, golf clubs, nuclear sites: Keiller's camera celebrates them all, while Paul Scofield's wry voice on the soundtrack entertains us with

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Kissing cousins: Kate Winslet and Christopher Eccleston are the illicit lovers embarking on an emotional rollercoaster in the story of Jude

# Here's another fine mess, Stanley

CINEMA: Carol Allen talks to actor/director Stanley

Tucci about his thoughtful new film, Big Night

with a New York chef.

Italian

ed to it.

it was a real collaboration."

times its \$4 million budget.

Stanley I ucci in a vari ty of supporting roles, such as the infamous Lucky Luciano in Billy Bathgate, the Arab assassin in The Pelican Brief or the sinister DA in Kiss of Death. But if none of these has stuck in your memory, anyone who watched the first series of Murder One on television will immediately identify him as Richard Cross, the suave villain of the piece. It is a very different Tucci who turns up in Britain this

week as the co-writer, codirector and star of his own film, Big Night. It is the story of two Italian immigrant brothers running their own restaurant in a New York

suburb in the Fifties, and is both a celebration of life and a visual gastronomic poem. But this display of Italian culinary virtuosity is, says Tucci, more than just an excuse for a foodie's night

"We use food as a metaphor for art, for acting, for film-making. It is also a way to express conflict in both a positive and a negative way.

We set the film in the Fifties because that was a time when mass production was really shifting into high gear, things were becoming homogenised and, on the food side, fast food and TV dinners were coming in," explains Tucci. "We have these two characters who are trying to run a business where things are made by hand on a very intimate and human scale, while America is heading in the opposite direction."

Stanley Tucci: food

Tucci's own grandparents were part of the immigration wave from southern Italy in the early years of this century. and he has drawn heavily on his Italian heritage for the film. There are fine performances from Tucci and his cast, which includes Ian Holm, magnificently unpredictable as the rival restaurateur, Isabelia Rossellini as Holm's mistress, and Minnie Driver as Tucci's girlfriend; but they are almost eclipsed by the food itself, particularly the timpano which is the centrepiece of the banquet. Made from a secret recipe guarded by Tucci's mother, who supervised the preparation of all the food in the film. it is an amazing concection of

may remember pastry stuffed with pasta, be seen in Woody Allen's dish that comes from Calabria from my father's mother's family, and something that we

have every Christmas." Tucci wrote the script with really flashy, funny one. I had his cousin Joseph Tropiano, a television publicist, over sev-eral years between acting jobs, the greatest time doing it." and he augmented his considerable culinary knowledge by

as a crazed dentist in Danny Boyle's upcoming film. A Life Less Ordinary.

"It's a supporting role but a

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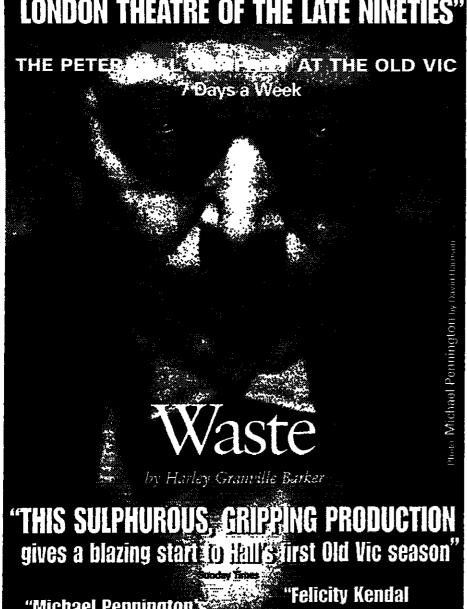
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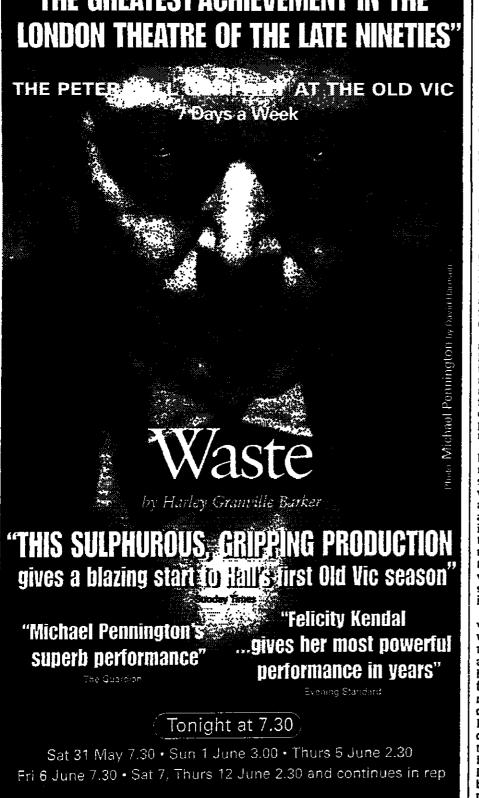
Sony SK 62785★★★, £15.49 WHEN Handel was playing the harpsichord, heavily dis guised at a Venetian masked ball, Domenico Scarlatti declared that "it could be no one but the famous Saxon, or the Devil<sup>a</sup>. Murray Perahia has clearly measured himself by these standards in this new unmasked recital of Handel and Scarlatti, in which technical skill and imagination vie with each other to match their original performer.

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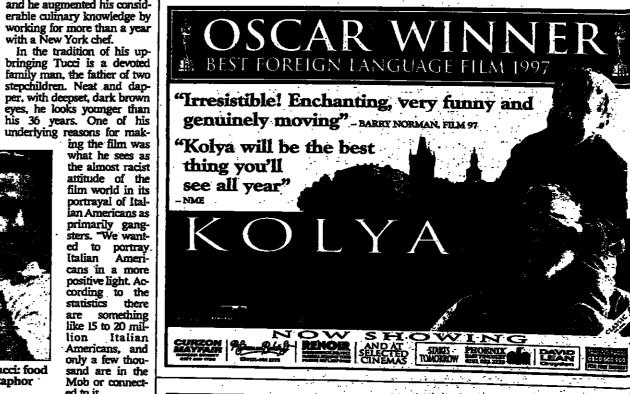


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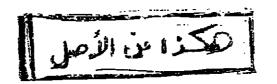
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# Chekhov's black cherries

arely has an axe been taken to Chekhov's Cherry Orchard with more blunt political purpose than in Janet Suzman's co-production with Birmingham Rep and the Market Theatre, Johannesburg. Suzman, an outstanding actress and first-time director, has, together with adapter Roger Martin. radically ventilated this hoary classic by setting it in a colonial plantation house in contemporary South Africa.

As you become accustomed to the babel of dialects and the man of tonical references, you cannot help but admire the deverness of this appropriation. Instead of pre-revolutionary land owners. Suzman presents us with the postelection remnants of a once great English settler family, drowning in debt. It is the sense that the old order has already let go that generates the

slow-moving drama.
Ineptly led by Estelle Kohler's glamorous Lucy Rademeyer and Jack Klass's middle-aged bachelor Leo, the household visibly withers as the estate is lined up for auction. Trussed up in his dressing gown. Klass's armchair democrat sings old SA anthems and runs off to play phantom frames of snooker. Kohler's Lucy, with her Parisienne pageboy haircut and endearing racial colour blindness, provides the charismatic focus. But only in the second half, when her depression about the doomed orchard is pitched against the student Pitso Thekiso's vision of the new order, do we get a genuine measure of the fear of change.

The orchard itself is a barren anachronism. Where it once paid for itself, there is now only sentiment. When it is finally sold that sentiment implodes in a sticky self-pitying mess, cheerfully cleaned up by Burt Caesar's arriviste Aleksander Masopha Lebaka With his Gucci shoes and massive wealth, "the new president of the

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cherry orchard" has visions of holiday homes for the newly enfranchised black community.

But rainbows don't grow on trees. The spectres of overcrowded townships and routine degradation are duly invoked. The fragmented black legacy is beautifully etched in the smaller roles: Joseph Jones's smug servant Nyatso. Sello Motloung's crooning labourer Khokoloho. But the big players handle them with all the dexterity of lecture notes. The mouthpiece of the new evolution, Fana Mokoena's spiky Pitso, speaks in militant soundbites. Everything has changed but nothing has changed ...
though the (real) revolution hasn't even begun." His romance with Patricia Boyer's bright-eyed Anna, Lucy's white daughter, could have come from a manual on cross-cultural relation-

The most moving performance is in fact Esmeralda Bihl's half-caste Maria, the illegitimate daughter of Lucy's philandering, terminally absent hus-band. Her choked efforts to flirt with Caesar's increasingly bullish Aleksander are the most human in the production. What you end up admiring about Suzman's production is the ingenuity and ambition of the play's transposition from Russia to South Africa. But ultimately this intelligent production fails to ignite the emotions for the simple reason that for inexplicably large chunks of the play we can't see the drama for the issues.



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MUSIC IN MANCHESTER: Gerald Larner on a Billy Budd in concert and a piano recital

### Top score for the orchestra

WAS it a recording session or a public concert? If the former. the Hallé presentation of Britten's Billy Budd should make a splendid first recording of the opera in its original four-act version. For the audience in the Bridgewater Hall, on the other hand, it was not the experience it might have

One advantage of opera performances in the concert hall is that singers lined up at the front of the stage are in a better position to get their words across. On this occasion the singers were relegated to a platform at the back between the orchestra and the chorus. For the logistics of the recording the arrangement was probably inevitable, and it can have done little harm to the live broadcast on Radio 3. To the unaided ear in the hall.

however, the singers were remote as personalities and their voices were caught in an acoustic haze which translated the words into some exotic language only vaguely related to English.

ral if somewhat mature Billy Budd, had difficulties in this respect. So did Anthony Rolfe Johnson, still a little insecure in the role as Captain Vere. The most impressive performances came from the cavernous Claggart of Eric Halfvarson and the sonorous Flint of Gidon Saks.

The one major excision made for the now standard two-act version is the finale of what was originally the first act. Even after its brilliant performance by Kent Nagano with the Hallé Orchestra and

Choir in this restoration of the four-act version, it is difficult to regret the loss of that scene. It is true that it does shed some light on motivation in a seriously muddled libretto and it is structurally important too. Even Thomas Hampson, a But as an expression of war-rically persuasive and natuwho believed in nothing of the kind, it is not so much unconvincing as embarrassing.

> The most rewarding aspect of this presentation of Billy Budd was the confirmation that the greatness of the score rests largely in the orchestral part. It is not exclusively original but it is unfailingly inspired. Nagano's command of the Hallé Orchestra, which once again signalled its technical renewal under his direction, was a precisely defined reflection of that essential aspect of the opera.

### Successful solo

PRESENTING oneself in the celebrity spot in a place as large as the Bridgewater Hall is a risky business. For the pianist Andrew Wilde his daringly conceived solo recital could have been a setback, but in the event, his programme of Schubert's lyrical confessions fantasies from Bach to and the acoustic poetry of the Balakirev was successful not only in attracting a large audience but also in securing an impressive display of enthusiasm. If he had felt any doubt about what he was doing he showed no sign of it. Indeed, the one seriously worrying moment arose when he

Wilde's Islamey was not ideally clear but it was certainly exhibitanting. So were those uncharacteristic passages of bravura in Schubert's Wanderer. Where he sometimes falls short is in the more private moments. He is not lacking in wit, but he did not seem to realise the intimacy of first movement of Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata.

The contrast between his treatment of Chopin's Fantasy in F minor and that of the same composer's Ballade No I in G minor, which he added as an encore, was diagnostic. The Fantasy requires more thought and imagination than he put into it. The inspiration induced by the virtuoso writing of the Ballade, on the other hand, sustained not only the most brilliant playing but also the most convincing long-term interpretation of the evening.

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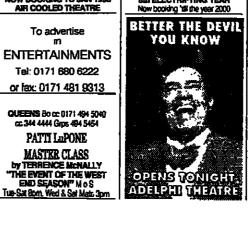
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# Roger Scruton goes along for the ride on one man's intellectual journey through the history and practice of philosophy

By Magee is a remarkable man.
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of the inner life, is realised. And he

has accomplished the remarkable

feat of raising the intellectual level

of television without lowering its

Somehow Parliament missed the opportunity that it had in Bryan Magee, who left it without making his mark on the legislative process. I put this down to the fact that he is too much of a philosopher. He hesitates before the vastness of political problems, is aware of the dangers of believing that they have solutions, and knows how much easier it is to destroy things than create them. Which is very endearing. My chief regret is that he

ioined the Labour Party and then

Episodes from the life of Bryan CONFESSIONS OF A PHILOSOPHER

the Social Democrats, when he is in fact a Burkean Tory who could have helped the Conservative Party to fill its ideological void with something more nutritious than Austrian economics. But that is a normal story too; intellectuals usually wake up to the fact that they are conservatives only when it is too late to declare the fact.

By Bryan Magee

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Confessions of a Philosopher gives the story of the author's intellectual life, which began, by his own account, aged ten when he discovered a sizeable chunk of the philosophical agenda, including Kant's antinomies, Zeno's paradoxes of motion, and the problem of

encounter with Oxford philosophy convinced him that academic phi losophers in the British tradition have more or less nothing to contribute to the solution of philosophical problems, and he embarked thereafter on an intellectual adventure that took him through Kant and Popper and Marx to Schopenhauer.

He tells the story engagingly. although at greater length than it requires. And the book culminates in an exposition of Schopenhauer that all professional philosophers ought to read, if only because it movingly shows how to bring harmony and consolation to a troubled mind. Magee is surely right in thinking that "analytic" philosophy, as practised in our universities, could never have such

Despite this erstwhile political commitment and his profound admiration for Marx, Magee has



Magee: looks for real answers

no time for the fellow-travelling Left, and regards the excuses offered for the Soviet Union by liberal intellectuals as a trahison des clercs of truly gargantuan

dy is merely the surface manifestation of a profound cultural disease. Communism attracted the sympathy of thinking people because it loudly trumpeted its commitment to human equality. If you want to make your mark in the intellectual world, then you should avoid telling the truth in this one small but vital particular - namely, that

people are and ought to be unequal. The inability of modern people to accept this truth has a religious origin. In my view, it is the rost cause of the destruction of education in our country. Egalitarian dogma lies behind the disintegration of academic philosophy into the kind of nit-picking that Magee deplores, behind the routine assumption that Western culture is mere ideology, and behind the fact that second-rate thinkers like Raymond Williams, Jurgen Habermas and Ronald Dworkin achieve the status of gurus.

Magee is interesting largely

philosophy is mere sophisticated word-play.
There is another reading of

Kant's transcendental idealism namely as a proof of the objectivity of scientific thinking, and of the reality of the physical world. This reading makes Kant more, not less, important than he was thought to be by his immediate followers. And the Critique of Pure Reason can be read as a prolonged search for the argument that would finally establish that the subject of knowledge exists in a world of objects. In my view Kant never found this argument, which was discovered only a century and a half later, by Witt-genstein in Philosophical Investig-

ophers largely for their attempt to peer into the unfathomable dark-If Magee does not see this, it i partly because he has mislocated ness beyond the realm of empirical the real reason for objecting to knowledge. He argues that analytical philosophers, typified by those those pompous old Oxonians whom he lined up on television, in order to show how ridiculous analytical philosophy is: namely of what the subject is about, and that they are typical products of that their interest in words has "Our Age", who combine moral flippancy with adolescent cleverextinguished any interest in the world. For Magee, as for Russell, Wittgenstein's early philosophy is a work of genius, while his later ness and mistake the result for

# Broken on the wheel of a dream

Claire Messud applauds the ferocious

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"the Swede" Levov, the protagonist of Philip Roth's latest novel, is the Dostoevskian homme de la nature et de la verité so despised by the narrator of Notes from Underground. A handsome sporting hero, a dutiful son, a loving husband and father, the prosperous owner of a factory the Swede is god to his peers, an ideal raised, by virtue and luck, from Jewish, working-class New-

ark to the WASP prosperity of rural New Jersey. But, as Roth's novel explores, our assessments are always askew: You get them wrong before you meet them, while you're anticipating

meeting them; you get them wrong while you're with them; and then you go home to tell somebody else about the meeting and you get them all wrong again," notes Nathan Zuckerman, Roth's familiar alter-ego. Since the same generally goes for them with you. the whole thing is really a dazzling illustration empty of all perception. an astonishing farce of mispercep-

Zuckerman sets out to inhabit the tragedy that besets an apparently perfect life, to unfurl the envied heart of a man like the Swede,

whose very straightforwardness is opacity incarnate. Constrained by the myth his community has made of him — the myth of the American Dream — the Swede has believed it. He revels in his athletic prowess, shines in the Marines, weds Dawn Dwyer, a shiksa beauty queen crowned "Miss New Jersey", and raises his daughter, Merry, in the liberal, secular cocoon that he has imagined America to be. Only in middle age is he jolted into the

realisation, known since youth by the likes of Zuckerman. **AMERICAN** that "alone we are, PASTORAL ways, in store for us. a layer of loneliness ISBN 0-224-05000 I It is Merry, the

daughter of ultimate privilege, who blossoms into terrorism in the anti-Vietnam era of the late Sixties and commits the act - a lethal bombing in their upscale neighbourhood - which ruins her father's life. In its wake, she vanishes, leaving her parents to limp on in confusion. When, five years later, the Swede sees his daughter again, she has become a Jain, and lives in squalor. She has endured violence and privation unimaginable to him, and yet refuses to come home. Part of him is outraged - "Three generations. All of them growing. The working.



The saving. The success. Three generations in raptures over America. Three generations of becoming one with a people. And now with the fourth it had all come to nothing. The total vandalization of their world" - and part simply broken. Seymour Levov comes, for the first time, to doubt himself and his perceptions. "How to penetrate to the interior of people was some skill or capacity he did not possess. He just did not have the combination to that lock."

While this frustration at the otherness of others exactly mirrors Zuckerman's, it is infinitely more appalling: this bleak knowledge is the province of writers, and not of their inventions. "Wit or irony is like a hitch in his swing for a kid

human consolation and beside the point if you're getting your way as a god," Zuckerman writes of the athlete in youth. "Either there was a whole side to his personality that he was suppressing or that was as yet asleep or, more likely, there wasn't ... " The tragedy is not merely the Swede's midlife awakening to his isolation, but the fact that he is awakened unequipped. Nothing in his life has prepared him for it; even his religious faith has long been abandoned.

The novel, written by an inveterare ironist, tackles the life of a man without irony: it is a task which Roth executes with unsentimental ferocity. He is acutely aware of the absurdity inherent in this protago-

nist's undoing, but in the dismantling of the icon that is Seymour Levov, humour only intensifies the horror. The Swede's fall is an historic event, a tragedy of classical proportions: it is the Jew's final baptism into the miasma of post-Sixties America. "With the help of your daughter you're as deep in the shit as a man can get," his brother crows, "the real American crazy shit." Not only have the Newark Jews been naive to idealise the Swede; the Swede has been naive to think America is a worthy ideal. All is "misperception"; all is lost. There is a truly terrible plaintiveness in this magnificient novel's last lines: 'And what is wrong with their life? What on earth is less reprehensible than the life of the Levovs?

# Once upon a time there was an accountant

n or about December 1910, human character changed . . . This is Virginia Woolf's contention, with specific reference to the first exhibition of the Post-Impressionists in London, and the way it demonstrated something new about the difficulty of distinguishing between perceiver and thing perceived. Human character "changed" as a result. Art (including literature) certainly became more self-conscious.

This may seem a funny way of introducing new novels by Stanley Middleton and Anita Brookner, both of whom are usually appraised as realists. In fact, though, Brookner writes come to terms with this stranger.

After the wedding, he kisses her with a camp passion learnt from

threatened to go after a critic with a jack-knife if put down as a social realist. Each of them has taken note of that shift in our way of seeing, and sought a fictive method which will

Brief Hours concerns a retired accountant, Frank Stapleton, who has been comfortable enough in his

skin, apart from one terrible was overwhelmed with fear at the thought that the Universe might be meaningless. Now his world goes dead on him again, when his son's marriage seems on the point of disintegration and his daughter-in-law and two grandsons are reported killed in a road accident. Neither catastrophe actually happens, and there is an almost happy ending, with (as often with this author) a happy reunion and a partial resolution which involves listening to a piece of dassical music

Middleton is certainly not a reporter content to reproduce the surfaces of existence. Look at his dialogue: no one ever spoke like this, but it rings true because we feel that in certain situations this is how people ought to speak Look at the way he ends his chapters: bleak admonitory sentences with occasionally the sort of qualified lyrical gesture you get

Larkin. "An apostle of puzzle-ment". Middleton has called himself. Yet Brief Hours is not in itself a puzzle. It just looks at everything close up, as love sees.

Anita Brookner's Visitors is equally satisfying. Dorothea May, a widow, finds herself at the age of 70 with a young man thrust upon her as a lodger. The intruder is Steve, arrived from America to be best man at the wedding of one of her relatives. He turns out to be gay and to play the guitar. Mrs May, a self-sufficient solitary, suffers agonies of embarrassment as she tries to

Hollywood movies Robert Nye of the Forties, and then walks out of her life, all as casu-BRIEF HOURS ally as he entered it. By Stanley Middleton This novel is excellent on the way Hutchinson, £15.99 that the young can ISBN 0 09 180173 7 seem like aliens to **VISITORS** an older generation. By Anita Brookner It is also amusing Cape, £15.99 ISBN 0 224 04288 2

religious enthusiasm ... the prospective groom is an evangelical of the kind that tends to solicit cheers at the name of moment in his childhood when he Jesus. There is drama when the wedding is nearly called off, but Mrs May saves the day by curing the bride's panic with the sugges-

on the subject of

tion of a new hair-do. Visitors is slight, but nothing in it is forced to assume significance. There are some uncommonly well-constructed sentences in it, words running along the grain of language, images illuminating the narrative as naturally as knots in a piece of well-waxed oak. Like Jane Austen, this novelist works on a little square of ivory rather than a broad canvas. and the result is no worse for that. Like Virginia Woolf, her aim is not to draw characters in the round, but to reveal psychological reality in the deep. Brookner is fascinated by persons who understand themselves too well for comfort, persons not really at home in their own skins. Mrs May hates seeing herself with her clothes off.

# Finding cold comfort

urrent wisdom has it that story than modern novels do. Another reason, surely, has to do with the study of modern history; the lives of ordinary people are now acknowledged by scholars to be as kings and queens. And in this post-Freudian age, most of us know we have a tale to tell. People often get put down for blabbing in public. Oprah Winfrey-style, to total strangers, but that might be easier than confessing to an intimate. Memoirs satisfy the gossip and

the voyeur in us; they let us peek at secrets and find out that other people are just as blundering and mixed-up as we are. Authorities may bleat or pontificate about normality: we can happily collapse into glorious eccentricity. Therapy is viewed with suspicion by many. but writing a memoir lets the author stay in charge. There's no counsellor to listen or question or probe. You are in control of what you divulge. You don't need to be bothered by someone else's interpretation

Jenny Diski's story of her childhood is a cautionary tale in this sense. She sees repression as a good thing: forgetting anguish by squashing it down helps us to cope. Analysis might hurt too much or be completely useless. And since she's an experienced and prolific novelist, you sense how she needs to I recount the drama her own way and also let herself enjoy doing so.

This is her best and most moving book to date, because she puts her human self into it. sassy and vulnerable. Novels tell you: keep the self out. Memoirs say: let me in. That works here. Skating to Antarctica deploys humour, poetry. surrealism by turns. Diski puts all her novelistic skills at the service of



Frozen landscape that unfreezes memory: tabular iceberg, Antarctica

Michèle Roberts

SKATING TO ANTARCTICA By Jenny Diski Granta Books, £14.99 ISBN 186307-016-4

discovering and arranging autobiographical truth.

Ice links it all together. The ice of the skating rink she spun across as a child; the shining hard surface that seals off the underworld of the unconscious perhaps peopled by deep-sea monsters; the ice of Antarctica itself; the chilly rejection of a mother who did not know how to love a daughter; the splinter of ice that Graham Greene said all novelists have in our hearts.

It's a marvellous metaphor. Diski decides, she knows not why, to voyage to Antarctica. At the same time as she's going forward into that future and writing her notes like a good traveller, she's voyaging backwards, puzzling over the connection between her recurrent bouts of depression and the strange goings-on in her childhood. Parents freaking out and storming off and

returning to play bizarre and abusive sexy games with their daughter. Cruelty mixed with neediness. The adult who has survived recalls the immensely brave child who harried and did her best. You track a kind of healing happening.

the scars revealed, not concealed.

Diski lets the reader do what her mother could not: embrace her younger self. Not one moment of sentimentality stops her recording as acutely as she can what she thinks happened, what she knows went on. She's wonderfully aided in this, like the princess in a fairytale. by a bewitching companion: her daughter. Chloe, who initiates the quest for her own lost grandmother. Chloe sounds lovely: determined, alert, curious, compassion-

You could read this just as a travel book, as a shining account of a voyage into the heart of Antarctica. Glimmering under the surface. however, preserved by the cold, there's the figure of a woman who's both a bad mother and the mirrored reader melting into tears.

Michèle Roberts's latest novel. Impossible Saints. is published by Little, Brown priced £14.99.

# Written on the body

sculpted as fiction. Or the other way around. What it certainly is is a record of days, covering the ninemonth gestation of one woman's pregnancy. It is quite a show, each entry a free-wheeling stanza, full of ellipses and ephiphanic philosophies which at times make for an inscrutable read: "No silver snatched off a lintel compares with the secure harbour of knowledge." If you can make sense of that, then try this: "Now you have an idea that the one is not a who, it's a what. The what is a thing and a question. And that what is now not then. Above all it is not a one at all. That what is it. And you.

In part the novel is about language itself and sees Fuller, who has written more than 30 books of poetry and prose, in full flight. But as a novel it is hard to know how it can belong to a reader who will have certain expectations of the form. So be advised: this is a work which is best approached as a metaphysical meditation on love, work and labour — of the fields and

of child bearing. Be prepared too for passages of untranslated Welsh, that Fuller enjoys for the internal rhyme and sound of it, and the found poems that seem to fly out of nowhere; Where is Idwal who drank the bowl of starch in the larder ... Where are the fingers that made the shilling walk? Where is the

weeding eve?" There is, however, a discernible narrative. A young Welsh girl, Mair, living at the turn of the century in rural Wales, gets preg-nant by Gruffudd the sheep farmer. Kept ignorant of this until after they are married (he is coerced into the weddingl, Gruffudd becomes maudlin. Consumed by jealousies (could the child be Dafydd Thomas's?) he vanishes with his flock, leaving her to run the gauntlet of

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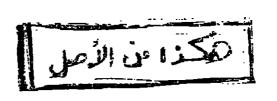
folk in a high chapel society. She waits for him, the fixed foot of a twin compass. "Inside the cottage the smell of berries; beyond, the smell of sheep." He returns as suddenly as he left, after 13 weeks have passed, but with "a stone in his soul which is like the shadow of the child."

MAIR'S determination to connect

him to the unborn child constitutes the book's main theme. Will he show as much interest in it as he does in his flock? For Gruffudd is more at ease mating Maharajah the ram with the ewes than he is in bed with his wife. But to be loved by this woman would be a gift to any man, a god-sent charm. Providing, that is, she shares the prescience of the narrator (the diary is written in the second person and is addressed to Mair), who has the measure of Gruffudd's internal mechanism he is "always holding something back, like a schoolmaster in the

So who is the narrator? A ghost, perhaps. There is a word for who I am, but no one has learnt it yet." Or the unborn child? One idea mooted is that a child can be dead before he is born.

"You can say it was Cain who died before his father was born, but we have heard of other fathers who thought their sons might be fatherless." It is anybody's guess right to the end that sees Mair in labour. Her pain will take her "straight to heaven" - while the narrator simultaneously struggles to mid-





Once more for the

record: don't take history for granted

ith the millennium in the air, commen-▼ tators have begun the daunting task - in forums ranging from museum retrospectives to foreign policy rhetoric to histories such as Sheila Rowbotham's A Century of Women - of trying to tease whatever might be the lasting historical lessons from the cultural and political chaos that has been the 20th century. Since it was merely a matter of time before someone attempted this potentially deadeningly momentous project in the name of women, we can thank our stars for Sheila Rowbotham, who has written an almost improbably lively, readable and balanced account of the gender wars of one messy century.

We can also thank our stars. for whatever it was that happened to Rowbotham since she wrote her early works. Women, Resistance and Revolution and Women's Con-sciousness, Man's World. These two books were landmarks of early second-wave British socialist feminist thought - and their prose style shows how heavily landmark status can weigh on the reader. If Rowbotham's early work was tub thumping, hard to get through, and impeccaoly correct by the standards of academic British feminism, A ly full of just the kind of colour, wit and slyness that can get a girl drummed out of the collective. In her acknowledge ments, a correspondence with American historians gets good play; it's tempting to imagine a rransatlantic conversation that

Americans' class analysis — and loosened up the British academic's approach to popular culture. Predictably, Rowbotham is especially strong on her field of specialisation, the history of British working-class women and the nexus of British feminism, socialism and trade unionism. Though well-intentioned, she is weak on the history of African-American women and the civil rights movement. Yet her willingness to range beyond the narrow, if crucial, traditional socialist-feminist analysis of class and economic conditions into the texture of ordinary women's lives demonstrates a refreshing respect for actual, as opposed to theoretical, female subjects - for the "roses"

may have strengthened the

ountail

of life as well as the "bread". This method brings the concerns of anonymous, otherwise forgotten women of the recent past startlingly to life: history now includes "burths, betrayals, ecstasy or even the washing day". Recurring secrions titled "Politics", "Work".
"Daily Life" and "Sex" are Naomi Wolf finds that the lessons of

feminism have not sunk in

engagingly broken by sidebar

excursions into such areas as upper-class lesbian chic in Paris in the Twenties, the role of black women in the Hollywood of the Thirties, World War Two cartoon heroines, Tatler's coverage of debu-tantes in the Fifties, CND women's fashions in the Sixties, and so on, the narrative shifting from female high culture to low, from women's elite literature to pop trends. from labour organisations to fashion. This technique, while it can feel choppy and strobelike, is uniquely suited to the choppy, stroboscopic century that gave us both the mass media and what has come to be known as Postmodernism. But can history tell us what

A CENTURY OF WOMEN . . The History of Women in Britain and the United States By Sheila Rowbotham Viking, £20 ISBN 0 670 87420 5

should be done?" Rowbotham

asks rhetorically, and concludes with an historian's too-cautious modesty: "The blunt answer has to be that it cannot." But the insights that leap from the pages of her own work contradict this assertion. Indeed, throughout these pages the obvious answers to seemingly intractable social problems slap the reader in the face. Decade after decade, as mothers have worked at home as well as in the marketplace, they were and are expected to be (at the expense of themselves and their families) "in two places at once" -yet with virtually no structural accommodation from employers or government. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to draw the obvious policy conclusion from the record.

ther practical uses of this sort of history present themselves with great force. Young women today are often uninformed about the struggles on their behalf of women of the past. The history of the incarceration and force-feeding of women, early in the century, who were demanding rights that young women today can

be on every secondary-school syllabus. For solutions to feminism's current bad press, we should look to the PR triumphs of the British suffragists of the Teens, with their costumed matches and dazzling graphics, who prevailed over anti-feminist stereotypes identical to our own; to pro-life agitators in the current abortion wars, we should cite her recurring history of dangerous abortifacients: "scalding hot baths, gunpowder mixed with margarine, slippery elm and penny royal . . doctors started to report a tell-tale blue line on the lips, a sign of diachylon or

lead plaster poisoning". 💙 imilarly, we should refer contemporary feminist essentialists, who hold that women are innately nicer than men, to Rowbotham's evidence that "the Primrose League and the Klan have their women's history as well as the Co-operative or trade union movements ... Belonging to a subordinated sex is not an automatic ticket to ride with angels". What comes through clearly

for the lay reader is a truth too familiar to anyone who has studied the history of 20thcentury feminism. That insight is how consistently feminists have been forced to ally every debate heralded as ground-breaking by secondwave feminists had been fought out to the point of exhaustion by their foremothers 50 or 60 years before; from the 1909 pamphlet, Marriage as a Trade to the debate about wages for housework in the Seventies, from Labour Party member Ellen Wilkinson's comment in the Twenties reiterated by Ms magazine as a cutting-edge joke in the Seventies -- that "What I Need is a Wife" from Charlotte Perkins Gilman's exposure of the brutality latent in the "normal" male role to Andrea Dworkin's and Joan Smith's excited reiteration of the

theory more than half a centu-Despite this eternal recurrence of feminist concerns, this compilation is indispensable because it does prove, finally, how far we have come. Its power lies in its showing that momentous changes women now enjoy came to us not from the top down, but rather from the thousands of petty heroisms of thousands of tired individual women who each gave the cause of female freedom that one last push.

Naomi Wolf looks back at San Francisco, her hometown, in Saturday's Magazine: her latest book, Promiscuities, is published by Chatto, priced £12.99.

# The stab in the heart

Daniel Johnson on a judicious look at the Jewish plight

under Nazism

ere all Germans implicated in the Holocaust? Judeocide part of a secret agenda which Hitler and his lieutenants deliberately hid from most Germans? The history of Germany and the Jews was thrown into turmoil last year with the publication of Hitler's Willing Executioners by Daniel agen, a young political scientist from Harvard. This damning indict-ment of "ordinary Germans" insisted that most of them had supported, actively or tacitly, the Nazi "national project". In Germany, the author scandalised most historians but held vast audiences of the less critical younger generation spellbound.

Now out in paperback (Abacus, £9.99), Goldhagen's book is worth reading, but as a speculative essay rather than as a comprehensive analysis by a professional historian. In fact, Goldhagen's thesis is not entirely new: it has much in common with works of the Forties, by writers such as A. J. P. Taylor and R. H. O'D. Butler, who argued that the Nazis were not an aberration but the

> NAZĮ GERMANY AND THE JEWS Volume I: The Years of Persecution, 1933-1939 By Saul Friedländer Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £20 ISBN 0 297 81882 1

culmination of consistent patterns in German history.

In response to irate liberal scholars, such as Hans Mommsen, who accuse the book of reviving the thesis of German collective guilt, Goldhagen has conceded that Germany is now a model democracy. But he then encounters a conceptual problem: if the Germans qua Germans willed the annihilation of European Jewry, who is to say that they have changed? The debate provoked by Goldhagen quickdegenerated into a fruitless slanging match between American Jews and Germans, in which both sides oscillate between masochism and indignation.

The first volume of Saul Friedländer's Nazi Germany and the Jews is therefore timely. This will be the standard work for many years to come. Calmly, it tells its tale of horror without once hinting at the fact that the author was, as a youth, one of the Nazis' victims. The material is so voluminous that Friedländer is selecwith his sources that he nowhere distorts his evidence.

What emerges is an unlovely portrait of the German people: less damning than Goldhagen's, but far more persuasive. Even those who opposed the Nazis on other issues scarcely lifted a finger to speak up for the 500,000 German Jews. Friedlander leaves no doubt that the majority of Germans were anti-Semitic enough to be indifferent to stigmatisation, segregation and expropriation of Jews, even when the latter were defined accord-

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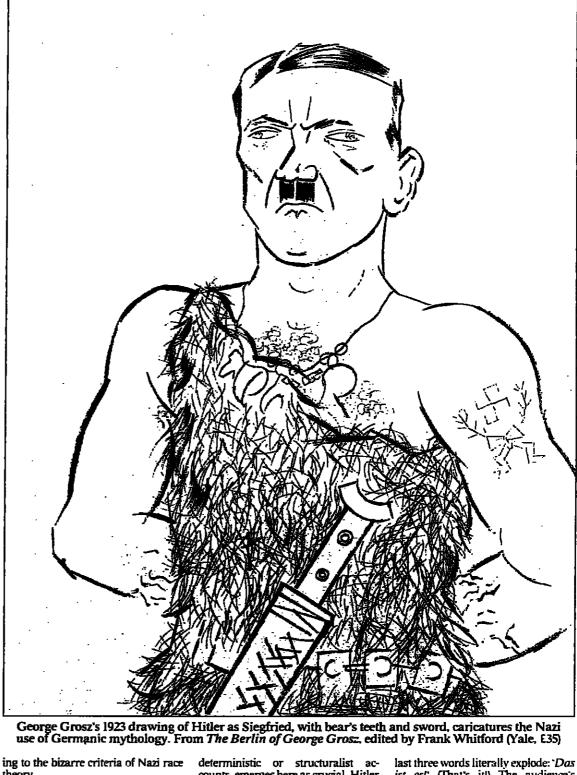
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A fine example is The Swan



But anti-Semitism is a broad category, and it is in distinguishing between its varieties that Friedländer parts company from Goldhagen. Both agree that traditional religious or economic anti-Semitism was prevalent in early 20th-century Germany, as elsewhere in Europe. But Goldhagen thinks Nazi racial ideology had been adopted by much of the German population long before Hitler came to power. Friedländer, by contrast, argues that such extreme anti-Semitism was restricted to quite narrow groups even after 1933.

If. as I believe. Friedländer is right, then it is much easier to explain why the Nazi elite's advocacy of a radical "final solution" was not made public until quite late. The legitimising role of the Führer, displaced by more

counts, emerges here as crucial. Hitler often posed as a moderate: in an interview for The Times of 1930, for instance, he declared that he had no objection to "decent Jews".

fter becoming Chancellor, Ambassador Sir Horace Rumbold the clear impression that "he is a fanatic on the subject". And in 1937 he revealed his true intentions to an elite party school: "And now may cleverness help me to manoeuvre you [Jews] into a corner in such a way that you will not manage a single blow; it is then that you get the stab in the heart!" Friedlander comments: "The recording of this secret speech survived the war. By this stage Hitler is shouting at the top of his voice. Then, in an orgiastic spasm, the

ist es!' (That's it!) The audience's applause is frenetic." A year later came the nationwide pogrom of Kristallnacht.

As this volume ends on the eve of war, with German Jewry already "a broken remnant". Friedlander concludes that Hitler had reinforced 'passive complicity" of the populace. But outside party ranks, there was no massive popular agitation to expel them from Germany or to unleash violence against them. The majority of Germans accepted the steps taken by the regime and ... looked the other way." That seems to me to fit the evidence better than Goldhagen's attribution of genocidal sentiments to the majority. But in wartime, the circle of complicity was to spread ever wider. To discover just how wide, we must await a second volume.

# Not an ugly duckling

Dominic Bradbury

THE SWAN By Gudbergur Bergsson, translated by Bernard Scudder Mare's Nest, £8.95 ISBN 1899197354

of view of its introspective nine-year-old protagonist. Exiled from her coastal city and her parents as punishment for shoplifting, "the girl" comes to live with a farming family in a remote rural community. She is welcomed by the farmer and his wife, but remains an outsider to them

and to their free spirited

daughter, suffering over her

decision to have an abortion. The Swan, a magical fairytale Only the weak-willed, love starved farmhand shows her much attention, travelling the borders between paternalism and a more sinister sexual interest.

Bergsson's characters are purposefully unrounded, and even the existential trials of his intelligently, imaginative central character never complete ly flesh her out. What is more important is the way she comes to see the countryside, to understand the value of a simpler, more natural way of living in a community which is trying to preserve its tradi-tions while at the same time struggling to come to terms with the modern world. Overlying this there is the myth of

monster who rises to the surface of the mountain lakes

every summer. With its pervading sense of dislocation, along with meta-fictional touches highlighting the myths. conventions and

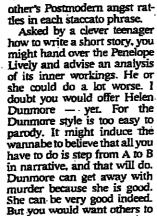
standing of leeland's literary rural rides. The Swan is never a simple or a comforting read. It is a haunting, bleakly complicated book, but one that settles in your mind and refuses to leave, with the image of a melancholy child ultimately liberated by her immersion in a rich landscape suffused with history and

# Despairing of Scheherazade

fiction

n interesting exercise would be to read these two volumes of short stories - Beyond the Blue Mountains by Penelope Lively (Viking, £14.99; ISBN 0 670 86905 8) and Love Of Fat Men by Helen Dunmore (Viking, El6; ISBN 0 670 86293 2) under cover of anonymity. One obeys classic rules of composition, one flours them; one deposits you in recognisable worlds, the other leaves you unsure of your sense of direction; one crafts workmanlike tales which satisfy, the other creates fictions that glitter, take risks, and annoy. One displays an ordered confidence in every sentence: the

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learn to draw before they pretend to be Klee. Bernard Malamud's explanation of his own writing came out as a passionate cry: "story, story, story!"; Penelope Lively's work exemplifies that old-fashioned imperative. These are narratives with

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Helen Dunmore: risky

beginnings, middles and ends; you are invariably curious to know how resolution will be effected. Quiet people rebel against spouses or children; good deeds blow up in faces; a selfish philanderer gets his comeuppance. It is faultlessly achieved - with room for fantasy in The Children of Grupp and The Five Thousand and One Nights.

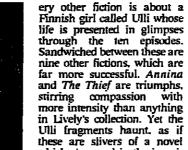


writing ...



Penelope Lively: reliable

This last story is a metaphor about storytelling itself, and serves as a good transition to Love of Fat Men. Lively's Sultan rebels when Scheherazade abandons story and takes up magical realism. He craves event, character and action, but his wife teaches creative



John Updike likened narrative to a room containing many doors, many of them false, all of them offering apparent choices to the reader. but when the author leads us to one particular door we know it is the right one because it opens."

Perhaps Helen Dunmore would disappoint him. The Helen Dunmore's collection last fiction in the collection. is ingeniously constructed: ev-Girls on Ice, contains this

sentence: "Perhaps it's only by not having a title at all that you can hold on to the itch of the moment." That word "itch" is brilliant. But does the idea repay much analysis? One might substitute, "Perhaps it is only by not writing a story at shapeless ennui of modern existence." At the end Ulli and her friend Edith are on the frozen Baltic, too far from the shore, when they are engulfed in a snowstorm — and is the ice cracking? The last words of the book are significant. "Enlarged. Edith and Ulli would which shattered in the imagibe cell-like clumps of dots, like nation because it was too thin. embryos held together in the loose grip of one particular moment before the wind changed, before the snow covered them or stopped failfailed to reach the shore."

ing, before they reached or Is that it? This collection will surely increase Dunmore's following. But others will pity characters reduced to dots, with no dignity of closure.

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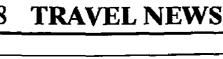
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# Talk us through the flight delays

sengers delayed for more than 36 hours at last weekend should now be getting over the infuriating start to their holiday in Cyprus.

While customers prepare their claims for compensa-tion, senior officials throughout the Thomson organisation have studied what went so horribly wrong in an effort to prevent it from happening again.
But it could be repeated

throughout the coming peak holiday season unless every tour operator, every airline and every passenger also learns the lessons forced upon Thomson. For it all could - and, indeed, should have been largely avoided.

Thomson's regular Saturday morning flight to Paphos is operated by Eurocypria Airlines, the charter arm of the stateowned Cyprus Airways. Based in Larnaca, it uses Airbus A320 jets with both the right number of seats and, more important, the slot for flight ECA815 to take off at the perfect time of Il\_30am. Britannia, Thomson's own "in-house" airline, has bigger aircraft and no

The passengers checked into the south terminal at about 9.30am, boarded the twin-engined jet which was then pushed back for take-off almost exactly on time.

But, as the pilot began to taxi towards the runway. there was a distinctly unpleasant rattle from the right-hand IAE V2500 engine. He had no option but to return to the stand, disembark the passengers and

Eurocypria's maintenance work is carried out by engineers employed by FLS Aerospace. They opened up the engine and, at first, thought they could see exactly what was wrong. It should be ready by 1.30pm, they thought. But by 3pm still the passengers were beginning to get fractious. FLS eventually concluded that an

and the particular part was not available locally. The passengers. Thomson decided, must stay in a hotel overnight while it was ferried from Cyprus. Cyprus Airways promised to deliver it to Gatwick early the next

There was no spare air-craft to charter over the busy Bank Holiday weekend al-though Britannia did have one standing by at Manchester. It was not used.

The part eventually arrived at 10.30 on Sunday morning, by which time the passengers were becoming really cross. Their bags were checked in and they were allowed into the departure lounge, effectively maroon-

ing them airside.
At 1.30pm the engine was tested and a whole series of new problems - this time with the engine's speed protection unit - showed up.

Cyprus Airways Airbus A310 jet was at Heathrow. Eurocypria called in crew to fly it and the angry passengers to Paphos. By the time they had trans-ferred and finally departed, it was 11.30 on Sunday night - 36 hours late.

The key mistake throughout was a lack of information. Mobile telephones should enable even remote engineers to explain what they are doing and why. Passengers understand that engines can become faulty. And if they are told exactly what is wrong they will not become so angry that the police have to be called in. as

they were on Sunday.

Staff with the clout to find out what is happening throughout the organisation must cover each flight and liaise directly with passengers. More spare aircraft must be made available.

Last year the reputation of one major tour operator was almost destroyed by flight delays and a lack of information. It must not be allowed to happen this summer.

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# Hotels cash in on foreign exchange

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HOTELS are charging up to ten times more than credit card companies or cash dispensers when changing foreign currency, according to a survey by American Express.

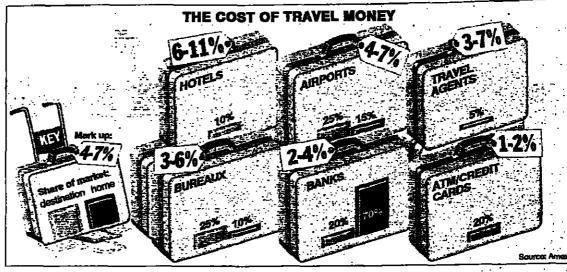
The survey shows that hotels charge up to II per cent commission compared to 1 or 2 per cent on credit cards and cash dispensers.

Hotels account for 10 per cent of all foreign currency transactions. But emerging technology, the loss of duty-free facilities in Europe in 1999 and the prospect of a single currency will radically alter how and where travellers change their cash, adds the

Foreign exchange transactions in Europe will fall 40 per cent by 2002, estimates Amex, with fewer competitors and exchange facilities at borders, airports and rail stations.

The company plans to recover lost income by working with banks, airports, supermarkets and transport companies to open new exchange outlets in the UK and abroad.

One key area is hotel receptions, where Amex is planning to install automatic cash dispensers, which will exchange currency at rates more closely aligned to the company's nearest bureau de change. Pilot schemes in France and the US will be introduced this summer, with hotels splitting commission levels with Amex. "Hotels charge a lot to change



money but they are not really geared up for it," says Steve Flett, senior vicepresident of foreign exchange at Amex. "Ideally, they would

everything sorted out electronically." Mike Toynbee, editor of Executive Travel, says hotel exchange rates have long been a bane of business travellers. "It is a nice little earner for hotels, like telephone charges. You are paying for the convenience of changing money out of hours and on your doorstep." Jean Hopkins, manager of the hotel unit at business travel agency Gray Dawes Internet, says: "With ATM machines so widespread, we advise clients not to carry

as much foreign currency as in the past. The real problems start when the traveller has to use hotel facilities and usually pays the price."

The UK is the third biggest travel money market in the world, behind the US and Germany, with Ell billion spent last year on foreign exchange and traveller's cheques.

Worldwide, the banks control 70 per cent of the market. But in the UK, the figure has shrunk to 50 per cent. The trend towards remote banking has seen Amex set up an operation to act as middleman between travellers and their banks. Customers ring in their order, the bank passes on the request and Amex delivers the money to the home or office.

Amex wants to install automatic exchange machines at airport gates. on board trains, ferries and even aircraft

Research by the company shows that 70 per cent of travellers change money on the day of travel — with 50 per cent buying at the airport.

• Business hotels worldwide are pushing up room prices faster than inflation to capitalise on the growing demand for hotel rooms from business travellers. David Churchill writes. Surveys of UK and internalished this week show average increases of at least 10 per cent in some countries. - with considerably higher increases in several others.

While business travellers face higher charges, many European hotels are still offering discounts for tourists this summer during tradi-tionally quiet periods for business

The surveys show that London business hotels have imposed some of the highest price increases in the past year. In its new Hotel Benchmark Survey 1997, consultants Arthur Andersen reports that London hotel rates rose by 14.4 per cent, with hotels in the Heathrow area rising by 15.3 per cent.

American Express, in its latest hotel index, also shows that London deluxe hotel room rates rose by 10 per cent in the first quarter of 1997 compared with the first three months

Business travellers heading for North America and Asia face the highest increases, according to the Amex survey. Luxury hotel rates in Chicago, for example, were up by 26 per cent year on year, with Bombay business hotels charging 25 per cent more and those in Hong Kong

raising rates by 19 per cent.

Across the UK as a whole, the Amex survey revealed an 8 per cent rise in average room rates in busi-

# Cook brings home the bacon

By RONALD GRIBBLE

MORE than 200 years after Captain Cook sailed to Australia, the £8 million replica of his ship of discovery, Endeavour, has been drawing remarkable crowds to British resorts during the first half of its UK tour and breaking tourist records. Whitby in North Yorkshire,

where the original Endeavour was built, is estimated to be richer by E5 million this month after being swamped by a million visitors who came to see the ship arrive home.

Everyone in the town, from its fish and chip shops to the smallest bed and breakfast. has benefited from the influx of holidaymakers.

Lyn Dower, administration officer for the Endeavour Foundation in London, said: The response has been fantastic. Whitby has a population of only 16,000 and every bed in the town was booked. Over the nine days that the 21,700 people visited the ship.

David James, director of tourism, said: "Our research shows that we had about 1.2 million visitors and the total spend was well over £5 miltion. Some businesses reported making as much in a day as they normally make in a year. We even had a bread shortage."

Thousands lined the banks of the Thames and Tower Bridge when Endeavour arrived in London at the end of March after her six-month voyage from Australia. While on display at Greenwich 30,500 visited the ship; at Great Yarmouth it attracted 17,600 sightseers and at Bos-

Endeavour is now on exhibition at Leith, Edinburgh, until Sunday. She then sails to Inverness where she will be visited by the Duke of York on June 7 at Shore Street Quay. The Endeavour was a three-

masted coal carrier built in Whitby in 1765. She was converted three years later by the Royal Navy to accommodate the first of three great Pacific voyages by Cook which would see him chart the ocean from New Zealand to the Arctic so accurately that his maps can still be used today. Andrew Milson, of the Captain Cook Memorial Museum in Whitby, said: Normally about 17,000 people visit the museum in a year. During the Endeavours stay in Whitby we had 6,000 visitors in just

The museum, in Grape

have the first chance to drive

the revolutionary city car

being sold next year by the

Tourists to Spain's major

resorts will be able to hire it as

part of their holiday package,

three years before the tiny two-

seater goes on sale in Britain.

The car - called the Smart

- is being made by MCC, a

manufacturing company owned jointly by Swatch, the

successful producer of fash-

ionable watches, and

Mercedes-Benz, the world's

The result of their collabor-

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unlike any other on the road.

Final details of how it will be

powered have not yet been

oldest carmaker.

Swatch watch company.

Revolutionary car

for hire in Spain

By KEVIN EASON

HOLIDAYMAKERS will released, but it is expected that

over a week."

The £8 million replica of Captain Cook's Endeavour on her six-month tour of the UK

Lane, is the former home of the Quaker master mariner, John Walker, where the young Cook took lodgings to study seamanship in 1746. He was apprenticed to Walker and worked for him for nine years. sailing coal ships between Newcastle and London.

The empty ships were used to bring back barrels of urine from East End pubs for use in the Yorkshire alum mining industry, which needed vast quantities of cheap ammonia

even with conventional petrol

or diesel power, it will be

capable of more than 80 miles

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MCC wants to lorge links

with travel agents and airlines

so that the Smart car is offered

when holidaymakers book

Spain, as the most popular

holiday destination in Europe.

was the obvious candidate for

Smart rentals and will get seven dealerships immediate-

ly. Three will be in the top

tourist areas of Gran Canaria,

Palma de Majorca and Alican-

te; the other four will be in

Madrid, Seville, Barcelona

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for tarming leather and dyeing wool. For London sailors desperate for work, there was always the prospect of being hired to crew Walker's ships for the return journey to Whitby, hence the name of the famous Thames-side tavern, The Prospect of Whitby.

Cook formed a close friendship with Walker and wrote to him detailing his voyages before being clubbed to death at the age of 51 in a skirmish with natives in Hawaii. The Endeavour is on exhibi-

After that she goes to Greenock (June 28-July 6); Liverpool (July 11-20), Fishguard (July 26-August 3), Falmouth (August 9-17), Plymouth (Falmouth 9-17), Pl gust 23-31). Weymouth (September 6-9). Brighton (September 13-21), St Helier. Jersey (September 27-October 5). The ship then leaves for a six-day exhibition in St Malo (October 7-12) before returning to Plymouth on October 17, in preparation for her voyage to the United States.

tion in Inverness until June 15.

The two-seater Smart — cheap on fuel, easy to manoeuvre

form in Britain.

MCC believes the unique characteristics of the Smart



tive Autocar magazine this week, MCC plans to have only 100 dealerships across Europe, all based around maor cities. It will be at least the year 2000 before the car goes on sale in right-hand-drive

mean it will meet the demands of holidaymakers, who generally want to travel short distances without spending much on fuel. They hope drivers will be entertained by its the cute, futuristic looks and impressed by the ease with which it can be driven

# Britain bans all Nigerian flights

By HARVEY ELLIOTT

ALL direct air links between Britain and Nigeria have been suspended after Glenda Jackson, the Transport Minister. ordered a tightening of air safety standards.

Little more than two weeks after taking up her post as the junior transport minister responsible for aviation, Miss Jackson shocked Nigerian officials by banning all flights from Nigeria until air safety checks on Nigerian registered jets were improyed. In retaliation; Nigeria re-

fused to allow British Airwaysto operate its daily Boeing 747 jumbo jet to Lagos-cutting off direct contact between the two countries. The action began when

inspectors from the Civil Aviation Authority became concerned about the condition of an old Boeing, 707 cargo jet... which had arrived at Stansted. An inspection of the aircraft showed that it had a series of defects that needed urgent

A week later, another Nige-rian cargo aircraft, which also landed at Stansted, was found to have similar problems and it was immediately impounded. A report on the two incidents was sent to the Department of Transport.

Miss Jackson then ordered that all aircraft from Nigeria. including the state-owned carrier Nigerian Airways, should be banned from flying into Britain until safety levels and inspections had improved. Nigerian Airways was par-

ticularly angry at the decision because more than \$6 million had just been spent overhauling and refitting a McDonnell Douglas DC10 tri-jet, which was planned for the London

"We believe that this was pohiically motivated." a spokesman for the Nigerian High Commission in London said. "The Nigerian Airways aircraft are certainly airworthy and, indeed, they are even safer than any British Airways aircraft because Ni- computer navigational aids.

gerian Airways has never been involved in an accident. It is particularly annoying for the thousands of passengers who travel between Nigeria and Britain each year. We feel sorry for the many people whose travel plans have been ruined by this unneccessary and politically motivated action.

Passengers now have to fly with BA via Ghana or travel to Amsterdam, where they can pick up a KLM flight to Lagos.



Jackson: safety standards

A BA spokesman said: "This is a very important route for us but we are caught in the middle of a dispute between governments. We are doing our best to switch passengers on to flights to Ghana and then on to connecting services

The United States began clamping down on Third World airlines' safety standards last year. Now CAA inspectors also routinely inspect all foreign-registered jets in an attempt to ensure that they are maintained to inter national standards

Nigeria has given cause fo concern for some time because of an apparent lack of control in the country. Last week, 50 employees of Nigerian Airways were arrested in connection with the theft of high-tech

# Cypriot protests scare off holidaymakers

BY DANIEL MCGRORY

TOURISTS are staying away from Cyprus in increasing numbers, scared off by publicity about violence on the divided island, Cypriot travel agents admitted this week. The number of holidaymak-

ers dropped by 7.5 per cent

after the most serious communal disturbances since the Turkish invasion in 1974. To make up for the loss of European visitors, the Cypriot tourist authorities are concentrating their efforts on Russians who are fast becoming their best customers. A key hotel in Larnaca reported that 70 per cent of its guests nextmonth are Russian.

There is now a daily flight from Moscow to Larnaca and Russians do not need visas. Many visit the island on property-buying missions, which has upset prospective European purchasers as prices spiral. To cater for their visitors, Russian restaurants are opening in the resort of Limassol, along with nightclubs and even a Russian supermarket. However, secunity authorities are concerned that the influx has also brought criminal elements

from the Russian mafia Tourism chiefs are worried by suggestions that there will be more violence along the ceasefire line that divides the island as demonstrations are planned in August to mark the deaths of two Greek Cypriots last year.

The reduction in holidaymakers pushed the contribution of tourism to Cyprus's gross domestic product down to 18 per cent in 1996. com pared to 21 per cent in 1905. Panicos Apeyitos, chairman of the Association of Cyprus Travel Agents said.
He said bookings for the

first months of this year were down but he was hopeful that the summer season would not lag behind that of 1996, "If there is no further negative publicity and we are more active in promotion and advertising, 1997 may reach the same levels as 1996," he said. Last summer, two Greek Cypriots were killed in sepa-

rate incidents during mass protests in the United Nations-controlled buffer zone A month later, a Turkish Cypriot sentry was found shot dead

until July 16, on the 15.45

Wednesday crossing, returning at 09.45 any Wednesday. Details: 0990 171717.

Dover-Calais are available for

£16 for a car and driver and £1

for each extra passenger. Details: 0990 980980.

# Bargains of the week — from cruising the Grenadines aboard a tall ship to learning to race at Brands Hatch

EAST HOPEANS NINE nights cruising the Grenadines aboard one of the few authentic tall ships still carrying passengers is available through Seafarer Cruising and Sailing between July 4 and the end of October. The price of El,299 includes flights, a night in a hotel, seven nights full-board cruise and taxes. Details: 9171-234 0500.

■ AIRTOURS is cutting £120 from the brochure price of a seven-night holiday at Zell-am-See in Austria. Departure is on June 18 from Gatwick and the £259 price includes half board in a three-star hotel. Details: 01706 260000.

AN UNUSUAL weekend tour of RAF wartime bomber bases in Lincolnshire is being offered on July 18 by Whistler Breaks for £183, including two nights half board, lunch, guides and entry fees. Details: 01743 718964.

■ ARGO Holidays is offering 14 nights self-catering in Pa-phos for EZ79. Departure is on June 8 from either Luton or Gatwick and a child goes free if sharing with two adults. Details: 0171-331 7070.

KUONI has seven nights full-board accommodation in the Maldives until July 13 for. £585, a saving of £198. Return flights are from Gatwick and

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accommodation is at Biyadoo. Details: 01306 743000.

FLY to Barbados on Concorde in August and stay at Cobblers Cove for £2,600. The price - a saving of £400 on the Harlequin Worldwide Travel brochure - includes seven nights accommodation, transfers. Concorde flight out and BA scheduled flight back. Details: 01708 852780.

SEVEN nights self-catering in Benidorm from Gatwick is available through Unijet for £199 on June 3. Details: 0990

THE price of staying at Sun International's new Sugar Beach resort in Mauritius is being cut from £1,236 per person to £799 for one week's half board. The offer, through Air Mauritius, is valid until the end of July and includes direct flights from Man-chester. Details: 0161-498

■ BOOK a holiday at the Indian Ocean Beach Club in Mombasa, Kenya, through Somak Holidays and become eligible to spend a night at the Shimba Hills Tree Hotel for £50. Fourteen nights half board at the club from June 8 costs £649, including flights and transfers. Details: 0181-



The Cairo Opera House is producing Verdi's Aida at Queen Hatshepsut's Temple in Luxor from October 12 to 17. Goldenjoy Holidays (0171-794 9767) offers tickets as part of a seven-night Nile cruise package £729 per person

BRITISH Airways has extended its £199 seat sale excursion to Riga and Krakow to cover flights throughout the busy

nummer. Details: 0345 222111. VIRGIN Atlantic flights to New York before June 13 cost £235 return through Travel-mood. Details: 0171-258 0280.

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BUSINESS-CLASS ■ BUSINESS-CLASS pas-sengers flying Czech Airline CSA from Stansted or Manchester to Prague can take a companion for half price. Details: 0171-255 1898.

■ AIR Tickets Direct has a £129 return fare flying British Airways between Edinburgh and Geneva. Book by June 4, travel until June 18. Details: 0990 320321. FERRIES WAS A STATE OF THE STAT five adults. The offer is valid

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# Windward finish in dominant fashion

By JOHN WATSON

MARK AUSTIN'S Windward beat Kim Richardson's Knepp Castle 6-412 as league one of the tournament for the medium-goal five-chukka Roy-al Windsor Cup, which has been challenged at Cowdray Park, concluded yesterday.

Knepp's half-goal credit was awarded for their team aggregate of 14 goals in comparison with Windward's 15, but the advantage was quickly over-taken when Windward's pivot player, Juan Bollini, the strongest man on the ground, opened his team's account in the first

In the second. Knepp's veteran Back, Robert Graham, who formed a clever partnership with his Argentinian No 3. Mariano 60-yarder to put Knepp back in front but that proved to be the last occasion on which Knepp were ahead. Although they are a nicelybalanced combination. they were somewhat less well mounted than their

The difference showed at treading-in time, when Windward were 4-12 in front. After that, the powerful duo of Bollini and his No 2, Lord Charles Beresford, were mostly responsible for seeing that the ball was chiefly at the net end of the ground.

During the last minute of the game, a cross by Beresford resulted in a successful penalty shot from Zimmerman's mallet that narrowed the margin of the Knepp defeat. Bollini registered five of the six goals scored by Windward.

The Royal Windsor semi-finals are due at Smith's Lawn, Windsor Great Park, tomorrow.

# Champion driven by insatiable thirst for winners

**ROB HUGHES** 



iding to the finish, there are few jockeys rificing extremes, that this week will confirm Tony Mc-Coy as the National Hunt champion jockey for the sec-ond time. He has contested only two full titles and was champion conditional the sea-

"You get greedy, so you do," McCoy said in an accent sliding between the tones of north and south Ireland. "Or you go anywhere, ride any-

Yesterday, he won the 2.30 at Cartmel, in Cumbria, on Indian Jockey, then flew down to Hereford for two rides in the 7.00. in which he finished runner-up on Spring To It in a typically competitive finish... and the 9.00.

Considering that the championship was in the bag long ago, that he has amassed 187 wins from over 650 rides aiready this season, this commitment to the very last speaks of an insatiable appetite for the sport. On horseback for II months of the year, barring injury, he will cajole, bully, nurse horses on the briefest of acquaintanceships to the winning post givig 100 per cent without fail.

A man of 23, standing 5ft Ilin, McCoy does not know what his natural bodyweight would be were he not a jockey. For sure, it would be more than a couple of stones above the ten that, through the jockey's regimen of saunas and lettuce-leaf diet he is prepared to subordinate a normal, palatable lifestyle for his only ambition.

This ultra-committed competitor has a special girl in his life. Chanelle, who works for Blue Thunder clothing, his major sponsor. Her father owns a Galway veterinary practice. Chanelle, he admits, summer break, refusing, as



McCoy reflects on another highly charged season that has brought him a second jockeys' championship. Photograph: Findlay Kember

has a social life; he squeezes one sparingly into his one free month of the summer. This year, even that is on a tight rein. Having had an enforced three-week break around te Grand National because of concussion, he found that the scales, which he keeps literally at his bedside, do not lie. "After just 11 days off, my ten stone had jumped to 11st 3lb in jeans and a T-shirt. I've been trying to get it all off: I've been struggling and I'll have to keep training through the

usual, invitations to Sunday lunch. Th thing I dream about is waking up lighter than I

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How could they? How could people be so friendly, so caring, so sociable as to invite this skeletal man to their Sunday dining room? He could not, in any event, accept invitations in a week like this, or any other week of the season, for that matter.

On Bank Holiday Monday. his hands were full, riding five winners out of six at Uttoxeter:

places at once, today at: Uttoxeter in the afternoon and Hereford in the evening. On Saturday, the final day of the season, he goes at Stratford and the finale of the jumps season at Market Rasen.

It sounds like a life of

perpetual motion, of almost

guaranteed entry to the winner's enclosure. However, to glimpse the real McCoy you should travel to Co Antrim, to the village of Toomebridge where, one of six children, his obsession began. Failing that you could rendezvous with him at Towcester last Friday evening where, from three rides, he finished winnerless. Today, I'd only got chances that were slim," he admitted in

fences or more, in one particular case on an animal which did not even have the jockey's optimism of a "slim chance". Indeed, standing at the final fence, the hooves thundering towards us, the earth shaking, and McCoy urging a horse that was clear last, Ronnie Beggan, one of his advisers who himself was a successful jockey over jumps for more than 12 years, said: "He's no

from Beggan's face, it was not joke, yet McCoy presented every cavalier instinct in his chances: £85 plus VAT per Safely over, somewhat ex-

ride, hanging on over dis-tances up to 4½ miles over 30 wich that he dare not take, McCoy tried to explain bis presence at the meeting. There were trainers, including Toby Balding, who started his apprenticeship to English racing, to satisfy. Sure, McCoy knew the horse could not win, just as he had chased around in vain pursuit in an earlier one. The thing is I like coming to places like Towcester. I get a feel for chance, he's a better chance of being bloody killed!" Judging you have to do it; it's the job." by the colour that had drained

The job, at least the way McCoy throws himself at it, brings him many of the best Pipe stable for which, McCoy

The perils, the pain, all ignored for the pleasures of being champion'

winners this season. Riding for the most prolific trainer and being the hungriest rider. McCoy one day seems destined to erase Peter Scudamores record of 221 victories in a season. Not this year, not even for McCoy, but he did gallop to the fastest 100 winners on record, win the Champion Hurdle, Cheltenham Gold Cup and Scottish Grand National. All this grown out of an obsession that struck almost before the age of

In Toomebridge, his father, the local joiner, had a passion for horses; he bred a few and looked after a few. His brothers and sisters have grown up to other occupations - working for the Northern Ireland Education Department, hair-dressing or, in the case of Colm, his youngest brother, wondering how to build a future out of being the All-Ireland schoolboy boxig champion. McCoy, however, has always gone his own way. initially, it was just a cycling distance to Willie Rock's stables, then, as soon as he was allowed to leave school, to an apprenticeship south of the Irish border with Jim Bolger

n his mother Claire's car on the way back from signing his apprentice forms, his mother warned: "Anthony, there's nothing else left for you now." McCoy responded: "Mum, if I had brains. I'd have been a brain surgeon. The quote has been stretched, embellished and granted a touch of the Blarney stone. But McCoy said it and meant it. He has not done too badly -- he earns a very good living and is looking to buy a house in the Newbury area for around £500,000.

If you look into the eyes, scan the face with skin drawn tight over his cheekbones, you dare not mention Shane Broderick, the Irish jump jockthe racing here. I like the ey and his good friend, who people; I get to study the form still lies perilously ill of horses which might win for after sustaining serious neck me in future, and anyway, injuries riding a horse called Another Deadly at Fairyhouse at the end of March.

The perils, the pain, all blinkered life of a man maintaining his place as champion

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# • HEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

In the American Spring Nationals, in March, Geir Helgemo produced the most spectacular play of the year. Barry Rigal reports that the cognoscenti discussed the hand in terms not far removed from awe - a rare event when you consider how cynical most experts are when it comes to the ability of others.

ቂQJ105 YKQJ83 ±AK63 **+AQJ9742** 

West's opening was a weak two. Helgemo ruffed the heart lead and drew trumps in one round. His main chance of getting rid of dummy's second club was to find the spades 3-3, so he continued by leading a low spade towards dummy. West played the two, dummy the seven and East won with the jack. East returned the five of spades. How should declar-

The bidding suggested that the hearts were 54, so it seemed that West might well have a little extra distribution to open a weak two on a fivecard suit. Thus it was quite likely that West would have five clubs, leaving him with two spades. It seemed from the

play to the first round of ades that East had the ten as, holding that card, West might well have played it. East's failure to try a club was also suspicious - his return of a spade might well be trying to stampede South into playing the ace. These are not indications cast in stone, but they were enough to suggest that the diagram. So Helgemo bravely ran the second spade round to dummy's nine. Now he could dispose of one of durarny's clubs on the fourth

round of spades. ☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

# WORD WATER

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c. Predawn BROGGLE a. A spook b. A felt.cravat By Philip Howard BELESPRIT

> a. A wit b. French whisky c. The bowsprit ARGIL a. Therefore

> > Answers on page 46

# KEENE on CHESS

Crushing gambit in the elite tournament in

progress in Madrid, Veselin Topalov, the Bulgarian grandmaster, has strengthened his grip on the lead with a crushing victory against Jeroen Piker, the Dutch grandmaster, While his rivals were engaged in drawing their games. Topalov briskly set about the task of densolishing the hapless Piket by offering a pawn sacrifice to control the centre. As if mesmerised by Topalov's active counterplay, Piket huddled his forces on the extreme left flank and re-signed when faced with a

large loss of material. After six rounds, the leading scores are: Topalove 5: Ako-pian, Illescas, Behavsky and Shirov 35.

White: Jeroen Piket Black: Veselin Topalov ...

Madrid, May 1997 Benko Gambit

Diagram of final position

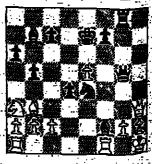
Coulsdon chess

International all-play-all tournaments with grandmaster participation used to be a comparative rarity. After pub licity given to the 1993 world championship match in London between Kasparov and Short, such events have sprung up like mushrooms. A strong tournament in Coulsdon has attracted two grandmasters, Neil McDonald and Colin McNab, and a number of international-leve players including Michael Franklin, Chris Dunworth and Tim Wall. McDonald

leads with 3/3. ☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekerd section on Saturday.

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Ward — Turover, United States, 1951. The white king is badly boxed in. How did Black capitalise



HUGH ROUTLEDG

RACING: CONFIDENCE GROWS IN IRISH FILLY AS EPSOM BECKONS

# Aga Khan chases elusive Oaks win with Ebadiyla

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IT IS eight years since Aliysa's Oaks victory, and her subsequent disqualification initiated the sequence which culminated in the Aga Khan's withdrawal from British racing. The owner has since made his peace with the Jockey Club but the Oaks remains one of the few European classics to elude the Aga Khan's clutches.

That could change when Ebadiyla lines up for the Epsom contest a week tomorrow. The daughter of Sadler's Wells looks well overpriced at around 25-1 and her trainer, John Oxx, said the filly worked with gusto on the Corragh yesterday. The stable has been hit by equine influenza but Oxx was upbeat about Ebadiyla's prospects.

"She seems to be in very good form," he said. "She did what we asked of her in her gallop and the Aga Khan is anxious to run. She has only raced twice, so she remains inexperienced. But we think she will run a good race if she is in top form. Having said that, we will have to keep an eve on her health between now and the Oaks. If the race was tomorrow we would be happy After winning her maiden, tered, is a doubtful runner.

Ebadiyla was deprived of the Detrinstown Stud Derby Trial by two short heads earlier this month. "That was over a mile and a quarter and we are hoping she will show a deal of improvement for stepping up in distance." Oxx said.
"We are encouraged that very few of the fillies entered have pedigrees likely to be suited to racing over 12 furlongs."

Even Ebadiyla's maiden victory casts her in a positive light. Dr Johnston, her immediate victim, has since won twice - notably in listed company at the Curragh on Sunday. Unlike the favourite, Reams Of Verse, Ebadiyla is bred for middle distances; she is out of a mare by Darshaan from the family of the same Prix de Diane (French Oaks).

# The Fly lands on Epsom

BARRY HILLS yesterday scrapped plans to run The Fly in the Prix du Jockey-Club (French Derby) at Chantilly on Sunday, for which 14 horses stood their ground

British hopes rest on Peter Chapple-Hyam's Thresher Classic Trial winner, Voyagers Quest, and the John Gosden-trained Perfect Paradigm. Conon Falls, also ening from influenza, Oxx-trained runners registered five victories from seven runners last week. Running plans for Reams

Of Verse and her stablemate, Yashmak, have yet to be finalised. However, Reams Of Verse seems certain to take her chance, with Pat Eddery standing by to replace Kieren Fallon should the latter's appeal against a ten-day riding ban be upheld by the Italian stewards. Yashmak, for whom Michael Kinane has been approached, is expected to join Reams Of Verse at Epsom if there is sufficient give in the ground. Failing that, Yashmak may join Ryafan in the

Hills is now likely to run The Fly in the Vodasone Derby at Epsom, in which the trainer also has Musalsal and

State Fair engaged.
The Fly is quoted at 33-1 for the Derby by Ladbrokes after a winning reappearance under 9st 2lb in a handicap at York a fortnight ago. Musalsal is also offered at 33-1 after his third behind Benny The Dip in the Dante Stakes at the

Meanwhile, the prospects of Strawberry Roan joining the Oaks line-up look increasingly remote. Connections are concerned that the 5-1 chance. unlucky in running when second in the Irish 1,000 Guineas on Saturday, will not act around Epsom's gradients. The Irish Oaks is therefore a more realistic target. Aidan O'Brien, who trains this halfsister to Generous, has a replica of Tattenham Corner within his Ballydoyle training complex, so he should know.

Bookmakers believe that Michael Stoute, represented in the Oaks by Crown Of Light, has a stranglehold on the Royal Hunt Cup, one of the biggest betting heats at Royal Ascot. The Newmarket trainer's

Insatiable, who won Sandown's Whitsun Cup, heads the market at 12-1 with William Hill and the same firm brackets Gold Spats also trained by Stoute - at 14-1 along with Tregaron and Mawingo.

Competition is always fierce at the royal fixture but this year's renewal looks better than ever. No fewer than 15 classic winners have been entered over the four-day



Reams Of Verse, the runaway Musidora winner, is likely to be joined by stable-companion Yashmak in the Oaks

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13	(9)	164628	HATTA SUNISHME 28 (D.G) (H Kleman) G L Moore 7-8-10 J Tate	94
14	(8)			四亅
15	{10).	000-00	RURO SUPERSTAR 10 (Fundara) Ltd) 5 Dow 3-8-8	80 \
ĒΠ	MG: 11	-2 Bon Go	esi, 13-2 Fort Knox, 8-1 Time Cil Mighi, Mr Cube, 18-1 Queen's Assignia, Gold Lan	œ. I
		2-1 piles		_ [

1996; BUBBLE WINGS 4-9-11 V Smith (7-2 fav) \$ Wood: 15 ran FORM FOCUS

HANNALOU 1141 2ad ot 9 to Royal Jade in maides al Redax (71, fam), Sap 98, FORT (NOOX 694 4th of 8 to Regal Splendour in amateur handicap al Lingfield 11m, AW), Feb 97 (SOLD LANCE beat Square Mille Miss next in 18-uniors selling handi-cap al Postesact (1m, good to firm), MET CAIRE 41 2nd of 20 to Marjanna in amateur handicap al

Warwick (Im. good is Brm) HATTA SUNSTBHE 2% 2nd of 8 is Awatsonse Power in seller at Lingsheld (Im 21, AW), BOM GUEST beat Chally Dancez 2 is 18-tutner approximes mankes handcap at Nothingham (Im. good) with TRAE OP MIGHT (Sb. better off) head 3rd. Selections MR CUBE

3.40 SEAFORD SELLING HANDICAP

ÖΣ.	IW 31 17	(6ya) (13 runners)	- 1	
(8)	00-004	OPEN AFFAIR 50 (A Fousion) H Aldrey 4-10-0	96	
(2)	850355	EFFICACIONS 20 (B) (Trainarch Recong Club) P Ecolos 4-8 A Edday (7)	93.	
(11)		ASTROLABE 13 (F,O) (C Hunt) J Bradley 5-9-8	- 1	
(3)			90	
(D)	838200	PRIVATE FIXTURE 31 (6) (J. Jackson) D. Marks 6-9-1 A Whelen (3)	90	
(4)	0-00	ACUAVITA 24 (R Gander) R Hamon 3-8-10 Dane O'Neil	- I	
(12)	-40004	MOBILE HERO 12 (P Sheetan) J Sheetan 3-8-8 S Drowne	雷!	
(1)	/6006-	DIENIANA 335 (T Junes) T Junes 4-8-6 A Daly (5)	- 1	
(5)	45-083	MANUENO 35 (S Mercer) M Prog. 3-8-5 M Roberts	90	
M	-55605	KOROV PROTECE 23 (G) (R Dean) Mrs L Jewell 5-8-5 (7) Williams (7)	98 [	
(10)	5400-6	BPESIL 16J (F) (P Sweeping) J Bridger 8-8-4 G Barthrell	91	
(9i	35586-	DOTS DEE 239 (F) (J Keamer) J Brauter B-8-2 M Henry (3)	90 L	
(13)	00/50-	HILLSWICK 339 (M Court) J King 6-8-1 Martin Dwyer (3)	92	
	موانسان	0.9 Amerika C.1 Ocea Allen 7.1 Mahla Ulem 19.1 Dilatakan Britala Carl	I	

1996: COLOUR COUNSELLOR 3-7-5 C Adamson (20-1) R Flower 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

OPEN AFFAIR about 1%1 4th of 20 to Pendoleon in selling handicap at Southwell (71, and phandicap at phandicap at Nothwell (71, and phandicap at Nothwell (71, and phandicap at Nothwell (71, and phandicap at Chepstow (11, and phandicap at Southwell (71, and phandica

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Carl Evans: 4.30 King Torus.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES)

2.00 BRITANNIA UNISON NOVICES HURDLE (£2,927: 2m 41 110yd) (11 runners)

2.00 Acajou III. 2.30 Grizzly Bear. 3.00 APOLLONO (nap). 3.30 Henley Regatta. 4.00 Edelweis Du Moulin. 4.30 True Fortune. 5.00 Oi Mother.

**COURSE SPECIALISTS** JOCKEYS 33.3 O Utyra 26.1 T Cumn 25.0 M J Dwyer 23.0 R Hugbes 17.9 S Sanders 17.8 Dans O'Nett 15 23 16 87 39 9 207 25 63 89 77

# 4.10 REGENCY MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES

(3-Y-0: £2,277: 71 214yd) (4 runners) AEGEAN (Theobalds Stud) R Harron 9-0 ... Dane O'Meill
00 BARBURY BALLAD 10 (Barbar, Facing) M Heaton-Ellis 9-0 ... S Drowne
024-3 RHAPSODY IN WRITE 24 (Mr. C Streencon) M Janus 9-0 P Bloomfield
00-0 FABLE 25 (5 Toller J Toller 3-9 ... S Sanders undy in Whyte, 4-1 Aegezn, 10-1 Barbury Ballad, Fable 1996: CORNICHE CUEST 8-9 ft Hughes (20-1) M Channon 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

BANBURY BALLAD 361 16th of 16 to Green Proses in mander at Windsor (1m 67yd, soft), FHAPSODY DI WHITE 3 and 61 11 to Zoom Up on maiden at Warwich, (1m, good), proposity, 194 Zoot (death best) of 11 to Mityati or snaiden at Warwick (7).

good to lim) Oct 96 FABLE 12: 8th of 9 to Meza River in margen at Saksbury (61, good to lim), previously 15: 9th of 14 to Corsin in maiden at Lingfield (74, good to lim) Sep 96 Selection: RMAPSDDY IN WHITE

# 4.40 CLAYTON HANDICAP

200:	5f 213yo	i) (12 runners)	
(2)	545-10	SIZZLING 23 (CO.F.) (Mrs P. Juhert) R Harmon 5-10-0	92
(4)	430001	NORY'S GRAB HIRE 6 (B,CD,F,G) (D http://k.livery 4-10-0 (7ex) Martin Divyer (3)	90
(5)	60200-	PRICE OF HAYLING 220 (CD,F) (B Broomfield) P Hedger 6-9-13 T Quinn	92
(3)	-14360	WITHOUT FRENDS 17 (B,D,F,G) (Mrs D Humpisett) J Flutch-Heyes 5-9-11 D Biggs	97
'n	045542	SHARP IMP 6 (B,CD,F,G) (Mrs. G Terromermen) A Flower 7-9-7. D Holland	
[12]	324650	TEAR WHITE 15 (F) (A Lawson & Co) T Mills 3-9-5 A Whelan (3)	95
(3)	503044	THE FRISKY FARMER 13 (D.F.S.) (6 Bush) W G M Turner 4-9-3 D McGaffin (7)	96
(1)	40-000	SHEHZETTO 12 (O.F.) (G Middlebrook) R Ptd/kgz 3-8-12 A McGlone	90
(6)	0/400-	SMILING BESS 208 (E Mangan) J King 4-8-9 R Firench (5)	-
(11)		JUSTIMAMUS 6 (D.BF.G.S) (M Pascall) J Bridget 5-8-8 A Daly (5)	98
(10)	103000	TACHYCARDIA 23 (C,D.F,G) (C Lane) it O"Sulinon 5-8-4	90
(8)	<b>000600</b>	HALBERT 12 (V,C,D,F,G) (B Gorman) M Ushes 8-7-13 D R McCabe	97
NG: 4	1 Justiniano	s, 5-1 Sharp Irm, 6-1 Stading, heap's Grab Hare, 8-1 Tear Whole, Tachycardia, 12-1	nid:

1998: ALWAYS GRACE 4-8-12 Dane O'Neill (14-1) Mass & Kellenay 10 rat

SIZZLING best JUSTINIANUS (18th better off) 2741
in 12-runner claimer over course and distance (firm) with SHARP MAP (18th worse off) 11 4th THE FRSSKY FARMER 3441 4th of 12 to Standown in the first off peaks and distance (firm) with SHARP MAP (18th worse off) 11 4th THE FRSSKY FARMER 3441 4th of 12 to Standown in bests off) 1151 or 13-runner handragn over course and distance (firm) with JUSTINIANUS (18th better off) self-art JUSTINIANUS (18th better off) and in handragn are for open of the firm) of the peak of the first off of 14th selection: JUSTINIANUS (nap)

# Hanbury hits form

BEN HANBURY, the Newmarket trainer, gained his first winners in more than three weeks at Yarmouth yesterday. After seeing Safey Ana and Dawn Summit land a 36-I plus double, he insisted that his Diomed Stables team has not been out of form. "Some of the Press have been ringing me up and saying I've had a very quiet time, but it's just that I haven't run any fancied

Hanbury is due to saddle Fahris for the Epsom Derby a week on Saturday, his first runner in the race. "Fahris will work on Saturday and is flying now. I think he has got a very good chance of being placed." he said.

3.30 BRITANNIA SIMPLY MORTGAGES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,938: 2m 5f) (7)

1 4P36 EARLYMORNING LIGHT 12 (D.F.G) 6 Patients 8-12-0

7 5-P0 BRIMPTON BERTIE 7 (D.F) D Chappell 8-10-0 R Johnson 9-4 Blazer Megnetier, 7-2 Nordic Valloy, 4-1 Estymorolog Light, Bally Parson, 6-1 Heatley Regala, 20-1 Bertpton Perke, 33-1 Northern Optimist.

4.00 BRITANNIA MEMBERS LOYALTY BONUS HANDICAP HURDLE (£3.485. 3m 110yd) (7)

1 1630 EDELWEIS DU MOULIN 26 (BF.G.S) 6 Richards 5-12-0

1 10.30 CULCUMES VI MUNIAM 20 (87.8.5) IN PROBRES 5-12-0.

P Carbony
2 ROSE TRAGIC HERO 13 (8.6.5) M Pro 5-11-13 ... A P McCow
3 4121 THE TOISEACH 19 (V.D.F.S.) 17 Institute 5-11-5 ... J US-bond
4 22PP MORTHERM SOURIE 42 (0.6.6.5) Juelieron 9-10-8 L Wyer
5 4211 DON DU CADRAN 190 (CD.F.6.5) Forcie 9-10-5 ... J F Totey
6 4311 DON DU CADRAN 190 (CD.F.6.5) Forcie 8-10-0 A Thompton
7 2622 BEECHFELD FLYER 2 (S) W Clay 6-10-0 ... G Tormoly
4 Februark Du McComp. 7 The Torce 2-1 -1 -1 Memon Add 2 1 Transcriber 9-1

7-4 Edelweis Du Moofin 7-2 The Touseach 11-2 Moving Out, 7-1 Touget Hero, 8-1 Den Du Cadram Beechheid River, 14-1 Nordhem Squire.

4.30 BRITANNIA BRIGHTER SAVERS NOVICES

ATTRIBUTS: £1,128, 2m 5t) (12)

1 1111 KING TORIUS 12P (0.F.E.S.) V Datatal 7-12-6. J Julius (5)

2 1111 MUSCHERY MOYA 13 (0.F.61 J Duicser 8-12-1

MISS A Goscher (7)

3 00-1 BEYURRD THE STARS 47P (6) 1 Williams 6-12-0 M Rimel (3)

4 1911 CATCHPHRASE (0) A A Day 7-12-0 M Rimel (3)

5 42P DARK HYTHAM 11 (F) 5 A Counte 8-12-0 J DUSTFUL

5 42P DARK HYTHAM 11 (F) 5 A Counte 8-12-0 J Saviest

7 9124 EVERSO RUSH 12P (F) 1 Julioch 8-12-0 J Saviest

7 9124 EVERSO RUSH 12P (F) 1 Julioch 8-12-0 J Saviest

7 9134 FURNO RUSH 12P (F) 1 Julioch 8-12-0 J Saviest

10 9 F135 TRUE FORTUNE 5 (8F, 63) John Moore 7-12-0 D S Johns (7)

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10 B303 VERY DARNIG 13 (F) 3 Hort 7-12-0 M SS S Sharati (1)

10 F135 THORNHELL 11PF Reitherst 7-11-9 R Widger (7)

11 PFF THORNHELL 11PF Reitherst 7-11-9 R Widger (7)

12 F4 CHRISTINAS THYME 22P M/s P Faringer 5-11-7 A Phillips (7)

3-1 True Forums, 7-2 May Torus, 9-2 Muslemy Moya, 6-1 Beyond The Stors, 8-1 Tellaporty, 10-1 Dark Fflytham, Dragons Bay, 14-1 others

5.00 BRITANNIA MULTIGUARD MAIDEN OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1.287: 2m) (16)

4-1 Or Mother, 11-2 Ambieth, Sweet Little Brief. 8-1 Starmbill Stag. 10-1 Dark Horse, Manubotte, Twelve Club. 14-1 others.

HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,128, 2m 5f) (12)

### YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

#### Yarmouth

Yamouth
Going: firm, good to firm in places
2.10 (6f 43yd) 1, ARM AND A LEG (J Stack,
8-1), 2, Euroten (W Fivan, 33-1), 3, Sansfilvale (B Doyle, 3-1), 4LSO RAN- 4-5 tav
Fary Dormo (4th), 9-20, 20g (5th), 33
Ashajon (6th) 6 ran Hd, shind, 21, 134, 21-1
C Dwyer at Newmarket, Toto: £6 90, £1 90,
£5,00, DF 578.70 CSF £154.07
2.40 (1tm 3yd) 1, HEAVENLY RAY (ft. Falcon,
2-1 tay) 2, Multitatel (G Carter, 11-4); 3,
Blowerig Away (D Biggs, 16-1), ALSO RAN,
9-2 Swan Lane, 8 Duthan 15th), 12 Birt
Sinhama (4th), River Tweed, 16 Reat Estate
(6th), 25 Final Waming, 50 Caribboo Beach,
10 ran 11, 21, 31, 91, 41 J Fanshawe at
Newmarket, Tote £2 70, £1 50, £1 20,
£2 50 DF, £4.30 Tioo £57 40 CSF £7.20,
3.10 (1tm 3yd) 1, OUR WAY (B Doyle, 8-1) newmanket. 109: 52-70. C130. C720. S250 DF: C430 Tios E57-40 CSF £7:20. S.10 (1m 3yd) 1, OUR WAY (8 Doyle, 8-1); 2. Calamender (h. Fallon, 3-1, 1-tav), 3. Poker Prancess (M Fertion, 8-1), ALSO RAN-3-1, I-tav Racmg Heart (3th), 4. River Offortune: 14. Junie, 16. Hippy Chock, (6th), Singforyoursupper, 20. Crackerbox (5th), 33. Fonicaudiete, 66 Pronoga, 11 ran Hd, 25. 51 k; 31. C. Bintain al Newmanket, Tote £8.00. £2.10. £1.90. £2.70. DF £18.30. Tho £19.00. £2.70. DF £18.30. The £19.00. £2.70. £19.00. £2.70 4.15 (2m) 1. DAWN SUMMIT (J. Slack, 11-4) 2. Zafarelii (W. Lord, 8-1), 3. Fortune Hopper (G. Bardwell, 13-8 lavi, ALSO RAN 9-2. Moorbard (4th), 9. Shoreleave (6th), 25. Almergam (5th) 6 ren Ni, 21. 21, dist, dist, Barbury at Newmerket Tole (23.10, 51.10, 53.40 CF, 51.480 CSF, 51.993. 23 40 DF, £14 80 CSF, £19 93.
4.45 (Im 21 23) 1 BLOCKADE (Nicola Cole, 8-1), 2 syol 1 BLOCKADE (Nicola Cole, 8-1), 2 siss Honda J, Gordeed, 7-2), 3.
Esperto ILsa Moncreff, 5-2 lavi ALSO RAN 9-2 Time O'n Neyt (8th), 8 Law Dencer (5th), 10 Bobbsti, 12 Lycus Touch, 10 Bobbsti, 12 Lycus Touch, 10 Bobbsti, 12 Lycus Touch, 13 Antarticiem, Perisot Angel 12 ran 31, 31, 34, 34, 31, 44 M Bell at Newmarket, 10 et £7 50, £1 90 £1 80, £1 90 CF £12 40 Troc £27 50, £1 90 £1 80, £1 90 CF £12 40 Troc £27 60 £55 £34 94 Trocast, £56 85 Placeager, £469 20

Placepot £499.20.

#### RICHARD EVANS

Nap: STATOYORK (2.40 Brighton) Next best: Rhapsody In White (4.10 Brighton)

Folkestone

Going, good to firm, good in places

FOIKESTONE

Going, good to firm, good in places.
2.20 (5): 1, SONGSHEET (P. P. Murphy, 11-2), 2, The Fugative (A Whelan, 14-1), 3, Rurs in The Family (O Hamson, 7-4 (say, ALSO, RAN): 9-2 Shifting Time (4th), 6 College Might (6th), 8 Another Batchworth, 10 Pearl Dawn (6th), 33 Midnight Times, Poppy My Love 9 ran, 1-1, 1-1, 4, 4, 4, 1-1, 1-1, M Saunders at Wells Tote: 27.90, 22.40, 23.90, C1 10. DF 6-33 (0 Time C2.90), 22.40, 23.90, C1 10. DF 6-33 (0 Time C2.90), 25.00, 66), 1, SWIFT ALLIANCE (D Hamson, 12-1), 2, Strading Ring (B Hughes, 12-1), ALSO RAN, 5-4 (av. Sauri Maio (5th), 4 Red Maple, Soil Touch, 11 impulse (6th), Hennet (vol.), 12 Master Mac (4th), 14 Ben Rinnes, 50 Far-So-La, Temujin, 12 ran, NR: Bevenith Duke 24-1 (vol.), 14, d, 18, R Aleshast at Epoom Tote 223 00 65-00, 211-30, 23-10. DF C386-50 Time not won igood of 2199-21 carried loward to 2:50 at Carkele today). CSF 615-63 Alter a slewards: mqurry, issuit stood 3.20 (1m 4) 1, ISTOFF (R Darkey, 14-1), 2, Russian Rose (A Clark, 11-2), 3, Gurmar (R Petram, 14-1), ALSO RAN, 11-10 tem Priorentino (5th), 3 Ocean Rath (4th), 9 Opera Buff (6th), 12 Carol s Deam, 14 Bowled Over, 40 lithin maid: 50 Eath Marca, 10 ron 29-1, 11, 11, nd, 31 S Williams at November (11), 12 Carol s Death Marca, 10 ron 29-1, 11, 11, nd, 31 S Williams at November (11), 12 Carol s Death Marca, 10 ron 29-1, 11, 11, nd, 31 S Williams at November (11), 12 Carol s Death Marca, 10 ron 29-1, 11, 11, nd, 31 S Williams at November (11), 12 Carol s Death Marca, 10 ron 29-1, 11, 11, nd, 31 S Williams at November (11), 12 Carol s Death Marca, 10 ron 29-1, 11, 11, nd, 31 S Williams at November (11), 12 Carol s Death Marca, 10 ron 29-1, 11, 11, nd, 31 S Williams at November (11), 12 Carol s Death Marca, 10 ron 29-1, 11, 11, nd, 31 S Williams at November (11), 12 Carol s Death Marca, 10 ron 29-1, 11, 11, nd, 31 S Williams at November (11), 12 Carol s Death Marca, 10 ron 10 Carol s Death Marca, 10 ron 29-1, 11, 11, nd, 31 S Williams at November (11), 12 Carol s Death Marca, 10 ron 29-1, 11, 11,

4.55 (6) 189vd) 1, NOR'S DEED (G Duffield, 5-4 lav), 2, Ladybower (Armee Cook, 14-1), 3, Zahran (A Dely 20-1), ALSO RAN, 13-2

Going: good to tim 2.30 (2m 1) 110yd ch) 1, Indian Jockey (A P McCoy, 4-6 fav); 2, Blazing Dawn (7-2), 3, Cardenden (20-1), 4 ran 5l, 8i M Pipe Tote £1.60 DF, £1.70 CSF £3.09 3.00 (3m 2r ch ) 1 Homblower Mrs C Ford 11-81ay) 2, Fordstown (14-1) 3, Across The Card (4-1) 10 may 6, 3%1 R Ford Tate 23 30 21 50 21 90, 21 10 DF 213 20 Tho 216 40 CSF, 220 67

Jukebox, Jive (Sth), 7 Raw, 9 Jaazm, 10 Wing Ol A Prayer, 14 Neen Waters (4th), Shippy Was A Kwi, 25 No Class, Okay Baby, 38 Bathallen, Fancy Design, Formoto (6th) 14 ran, 194, 174, 17, 194, 11, C Wall at Newmarket, Tole 12, 30, 11 C Wall at Newmarket, Tole 12, 30, 1150, 1430, 12, 50 DF, 212, 50 Tho, 2102, 10 CSF

C19 72
5.25 (61 189yd) 1. FARLEY GREEN (C Rutier, 11-8 lay), 2. Goodbye Gatemen (Martin Dwyer, 11-2); 3. Junemilla (S Sanders, 6-1) ALSO RAN 9-2 Moon Song (4th), 11-2 Gorng Green, 25 Peter Perlect, 33 Dorado Beach, Kidee Boy, Salva (5th), 40 Beveled Crystal, Narawa (6th), 11 ran Ni., 51 24, 114, 31 H Cardy at Wantage (5th), 270 (51 4), 62 20, (51 10 DF 55:70 Tro C19 80 CSF (33.8)

Jackpot: not won (pool of £52,826.89 carried forward to Carriste today).

Placepot £9,217.20. Quadpot £174.00.

Cartmel

3.35 (2m II 110vd role) 1 in Good Faith (C McCormach, 7-4 lavr. 2, Salkeld king (7-1); 3 Darries Amour (9-4) 8 ran 8l 6l J Culmin Tote C290, C1 10, C1 40, C1 70, DF, C7 50, CSF, C14 77

Corr 1,14 (7)
4.05 (3m 2) hdie) 1, Good Hand (P Nwen, 3-1); 2, 5cs.solie (1-2 tav), 3, Don't Tell Judy (33-1) 9 ran, S kettlewell Tote, £3 90 £1 10, £1 30, £3 90 £7 170 The £10 30 CSF, £4 68

\$4.85 (2m 6) hole) 1. Highland Way (P. Carbeny, 4-1), 2. Lagen Bridge (6-5 tay) 3. Supertop (2-1) 6 ran NR Longcrett, Preceptos Run 1,1 14 M Todhunter Tote \$4.40, 21.50, \$1.70 DF \$5.00 CSF \$2.20 Tucast £10.93 Placepot \$4.70. Quadpot £2.50.

#### Tuesday's late results

Sandown Park

Sancown Fark
Soing good to arm, from in places
6.20 (1m 14yd) 1, La Modiste (8 Fellon 3-1
favi. 2 Priestar (14-1) 3, Al Abraq (7-1) 10
ran, RR. Mercless Cop. 3-1, Ind. Mess G.
Relevator 10-6 53.00, 01.80, 02.60, 52.70
DF 619.00 Trio 583.70 CSF 640.94
6.50 (1m 3 91yd) 1 Protocol (R Hils. 13-2)
2 Maderine Chamer, 16-1) 3, Top. Shell
(12-1) Valagatore 11-4 for 9 ran NR\* Bor, St.
James, Mysic Redge, Ni. 41 J. Hils. Tote
6.50, 61.80, 61.90, 62.80 DF 614.80 Trio
6.61.80 CSF 624.67 Triocar 6344.58 After a
stewards inquiry, result stood 261 80 CSF £34 67 Throad £344 58 After a stewards inquir, result stood 7.20 (51 6yd) 1, Pool Music (8 Hughes, 6-1), 2. Bartungham Blade (12-1), 3, Nachwah 7.21 Bentungham Blade (12-1), 3, Nachwah 7.21 Burendge Dance 2-1 fax 6 fam 1-1, 5 hd. R Hannon Tole £6 70 £3 00, £2 70 DF £44 60 £55 £96 81, 7 50 (1m 21 7yd) 1, Bosta Sham (K. Fallon 1-5 taw), 2 Predappo (12-1), 3 Centre \$345, 6-1), 6 fam 3-1, 5 il Cecla Tole £1-20; £1 10, £2 30 DF £2 70 EF £36 7. £20 (1m 21 7yd) 1, Bold Demand (i), Donor 2-1), 2 Straya (5-4 taw), 3, Hacrilyah (20-1), 18 ran 1-1, 1-14 5 bin Surcor Tole £3 (0-1), £1 20 £1 20 £3 90 DF £2 60 Tho £20 60 CSF £4.15

CSF £4.15 8.50 (1m 6) 1 Arcady (R Firench, 5-1) 2, Burst Offening (14-1); 3, Arctic Fancy (14-1) Molyan Blue 3-1 Ev 13 ms Ho, nk, J L Hemis Tole 5/70, C230 £2.50, C3.30 DF £59 40 Tino £5570, CSF £56.38 Tinosal £88.00 

Hexham Going: good to firm, firm in places 6.35 (2m -ti 110yd nolej 1, Peppa Charlie iB Storey 5-4 tay) 2, Emperor's Magic 16-11, 3 Jervacid (6-4) 6 rm 7, dist C Parier Tore 02.00, 01.10, 06-40 DF 011-60 CSF 68-96

7.05 (2m 4) 110yd ch) 1 Fort Zeddaan (R Suest 11-2), 2 Two For One (R-1), 3, Barner Yesr (20-1) Sovereagns March, The Noor Waltz 11-4 (-1-4m), 15 mm Hd, 81 Mm, \$5 Smith Tote 2.6-30, 22.10, 63.30, 25.80, DF 55.2.30 Two 2111-90 CSF 246.66. True E111 90 CSF E48,68.
7 35 (2m hole) 1, Royal York (P Carberry, 5-8 lay) 2. Chara king (5-1) 3 Tsangs (10-1) 4 lan will 129 G Fachards Tote C1 50 DF C2 40 CSF E5 17
8.05 (2m 4: 110yd ch) 1, Exemplar (R Guez), 3-1 lay), 2, Rebel hang (6-1) 3. The Toaster (7-2) 8 ran (5), 8, Mr. 5 Smath, Tote C3 80, E2 20, E2 00, E3 10 DF £19 00 CSF, S2 062 Tricast E60 90 8.35 (3m hotio) 1, Nitre Sprite (5 Toylor, 12-1) 2, Ballindoo (11-8) 3 Dont Forger Curu. (6-1) Barton Heights 6-5 lav 5 ran 2, 5 R Barr Tote (17-70, 62-80 51 to DF 515-40 CSF 527-71 CSF 527.71
9.05 (2m hdle) 1. Cottage Prince (A Wintle, Evens. Lay); 2. Beau Matretor (7-2); 3. Regarmatin Remee (7-1) 9 ran NR Firsty, Thyrie 11 shirted J Cumn Tole 51.70 (1.10, 61.60, 62.00 F 63.30 The 65.00 CSF 55.00 Throat 515.50 Throat 515.00 Throat

Placepot: £115.10 Quadpot: £11.80.

#### French raid

WIZARD KING, trained by Mark Prescott, and James Fanshawe's Craigevar run in the group three Prix du Palais Royal at Longchamp today. The British pair, both listed winners this term, take on one German and three French rivals in the seven-furlong





WANTED STATE

(2.3, 307: 71 2 1 49/0) (107)
301 (S) 0. SHERAL MONTY 215 T Baron 5-9-18 Victoria Appleby (7)
302 (8) SABU 34, J Charlian 5-9-10 P Fassey (3)
303 (10) 60 SOCIETY TRAES 12 D Nobe 49-10 K Ruttur
304 (4) LAKE ARAN S3J Mas A Raughton 4-5-5 N Commonton
305 (9) MPSENAL LINEA A Nationalized 3-8-12 G Familians (3)
306 (6) MPSENAL LINEA A Nationalized 3-8-12 J Charlot
307 (3) 9. RANUE 225 F Weynes 3-8-12 J Charlot
308 (7) SHARBADARD 13 L Carmod 3-8-12 J Westers
309 (1) SPARE NAT BLUSSES B McMahan 3-8-7 L Newton
10 (2) 5- ST BLANE 208 0 Loder 3-8-7 K Darby
10 (2) 5- ST BLANE 208 0 Loder 3-8-7 K Darby
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BRISTOL (second day of three): The Australians, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 58 runs behind Gloucestershire

THE AUSTRALIANS gave their bowlers a thorough work out yesterday, and their response cannot have disheartened them. Although Gloucestershire earned a first-innings lead of 101, with Nick Trainor making a maiden hundred, Mark Taylor saw enough of his three quicker bowlers to know that, whatever the shortcomings of his batsmen, not least himself, Australia will not step naked into the Test

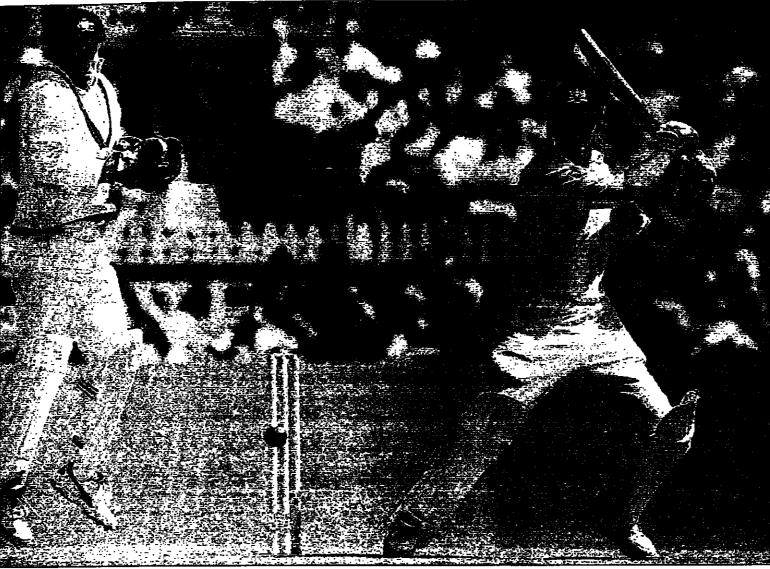
Trainor's century, and his stand of 142 with Rob Cunliffe for the third wicket, provided one of the day's two highgenuinely fast bowling before

David Houghton, the Worcestershire coach, is to leave New Road before the come coach of his native Zimbabwe. Houghton, 39, will take up his new post from September I.

lunch by Jason Gillespie. On a pitch, slow and low, that offered bowlers of his type little encouragement, he clattered Trainor on the helmet and consistently smacked the ball hard into Healy's gloves. On the quicker pitches he

can expect to bowl on in the next three months Gillespie will make a few eyes water. Full marks then to Trainor, only 21 and coming into this game off a "pair" against Essex and three successive ducks in all, for battling it out. The Australian applause when he reached his hundred showed how much they val-

There is plenty of talk at the moment of preparing Test pitches that "suit" England. Who do these talkers think they're kidding? The best bowlers in English conditions in recent years have been Terry Alderman and Paul Reiffel. If England want to



Trainor, Gloucestershire's Durham-born opener, punishes a short ball from Warne on the way to his maiden century at Bristol yesterday.

take on Australia at the same game they will find out that Gillespie and Glenn McGrath are just as capable of exploiting sideways movement. They can cut it more viciously than Andrew Caddick, and and in Michael Kasprowicz they have a bowler of some pace

who can swing it out. Kasprowicz bowled pretty well yesterday and showed an eager-beaver attitude in the outfield where he held two good catches to dismiss Gloucestershire's run-makers. Cunliffe drove Shane Warne to deep mid-off and Trainor, failing to control a hook, send it skywards to long leg.

Kasprowicz, who is a tall man, displayed nimbleness of foot to make both catches.

Trainor batted for five hours, hitting 17 boundaries, and, though it was not a flawless innings, he impressed as a well-organised, upright player. He comes from Durto every first-class county trying to make his way in the game after a trial for Durham seconds proved unpersuasive.

He played no better stroke than the cover drive off Warne, punched away on the back foot, that took him to his hundred. Cunliffe also batted properly for his runs, and the sight of these two young Englishman coming to terms with good Australian bowling made for absorbing cricket.

Gillespie's only wicket of the day came from his slower ball, when he followed through to Mark Alleyne's drive right-handed. Gloucestershire's innings was falling apart a bit and it took some nurdling and whacking from Martin Bail and Jack Russell, who added 51 for the eighth wicket, to achieve a decent

The Australians, in particu-lar Taylor, were left to bat out an awkward last hour and a half, and they did. Alleyne entrusted the new ball to Richard Davis, the left-arm spinner and apart from a shout for leg-before when Taylor, 12 at the time, padded the ball away, there were few

That doesn't mean to say Taylor knocked the cover off the ball. He spent 41 balls on 12 and four of his 19 runs came from a misfield by Jon Lewis at mid-off. He will have slept more easily last night but he starts all over again today, and what his team really needs is a big hundred.

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**RUGBY UNION** 

# Rowell content with progress

From Mark Souster in buenos aires

JACK ROWELL wore the look of a contented man yesterday. Much of what England have been striving towards came good in the third match of their tour of Argentina and. with the first international against the Pumas only two days away, Rowell could bare-ly conceal his delight at the manner and style in which victory over Argentina A was achieved on Tuesday night by a largely makeshift team.

Ten out of ten was his verdict on an eight-try, 50-point performance that Rowell described as "superb rhythmic football ... dynamic, interac-

"This was just what we needed, a champagne cock-tail," Rowell said: "Given that this was the scratchest of scratch teams to come together like that, it was surprising. Some of the football was literally quite breathtaking, the attitude first class. To see players like [Matt] Allen and [Jos] Baxendell performing like this was enormously satisfying. The team can draw great inspiration from this." Indeed, the way in which the younger players — all keen to make their mark in the absence of the British Isles

contingent — have blended seamlessly into the representative scene here is both a tribute to England's international system and the standard, depth and quality of

chib rugby.

Perhaps only two of the side that played on Tuesday — Tony Diprose and Martin Haag — will make it into the international team, which is due to be announced tomorrow, but the others have fully justified their inclusion on the tour as part of a close-knit squad, whose camaraderie and spirit is infectious. Mapletoft, who put pace on the ball with his incursions from full back, showed character to bounce back by scoring 18 points after his disappointing kicking perfor-mance against Buenos Aires, and Danny Grewcock can be

pleased with his baptism.

The victory will have given Argentina much to contemplate. Federico Mendez, the Bath and Argentina hooker, was impressed. "England played very good rugby which was important for the mental health of the players," he said. We can expect the same lon Saturdayl. We saw good scrummaging against Buenos Aires and a very good handling game today and also good ball retention."

The handling was impressive, especially in a purple patch during the second half when England scored 34 points without reply, the showstopper another try of individual brilliance by Mike Catt. At times the match



Diprose: on verge of debut

resembled a training session such was the precision of

England's play. Diprose, the captain, will be unlucky if he does not win his first cap after his perfor-mance. "He was absolutely majestic," Rowell said. "He has brilliant hands, he was a great driving force and brings others into the game."

International debuts also

beckon for Haag and Rory Jenkins, while behind the scrum, Nick Greenstock, in the centre, and Jim Mallinder, at full back, should gain their first England caps, too. If so, Rowell will have capped 16 new players since the game against Italy last November.

# Leicestershire ready for new assault on summit

BY SIMON WILDE

NO SOONER had lames Whitaker and his Leicestershire side defied all the pundits and carried off the Britannic Assurance county championship last year than commentators and opponents began writing them off a second time. They will never win it again, was the cry. Whitaker's response was simple: Winning was such a wonderful feeling, we have simply got to do it again."

Leicestershire could be back on top of the table by Monday evening. Gloucestershire, the leaders, are otherwise engaged with the Australians. which leaves the likes of Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire and Glamorgan with opportunities to take their

Leicestershire, who lie third, entertain Lancashire at Grace Road and will fancy their chances of getting the better of a team that, bizarrely, is propping up the table after the first month of the season.

When Lancashire last took a share of the championship, in 1950, their star-studded team was in the habit of finishing off unglamorous sides such as Leicestershire in two days and Leicestershire's ambition was not to finish with the wooden spoon. The sparkle is still more in evidence at Old Trafford than Grace Road, but

no longer the most important piece of silverware: time will tell whether Lancashire have the resources to pull themselves round after an unconvincing start.

Lancashire's players are inclined to blame the lifelessness of their pitches for some of their woes, a problem that does not afflict Whitaker's team. The expectation today is that the pitch will again favour the seamers and the home side will leave out both spinners, but they ought to beware: the last time Lancashire played at Grace Road, in 1995, Millns and Mulially were outbowled by Wasim Akram, who won the match for his team with 12

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Middlesex (9)	3	1	1		5		
Somerset (11) .	4	0	1	3	11		
Kent (4)	3	1	1	1		12	
Yorkshire (6)	3	1	1		5		
Worcs (7)	3	0			10		
Sussex (12)	4	0			7		
Durham (18).	4	0	1	3	_	14	
Surrey (3)	4	0	1		5		
Derbyshire (2).	4	0			4		
Hampshire (14)	4	0			8		
Northants (15).	3	0	0		5		
Lancashire (15)	3	Q	1	2	6	7	1

(Last year's positions in brackets)

wickets and an unbeaten half-

Nottinghamshire are in second place, but take on Kent at Trent Bridge without Robin-son and Pollard, both of whom were injured in a remarkable win over Derbyshire last week. Robinson broke his hand and will be out for at least a month; Pollard has a

cracked index finger. Kent have yet to reproduce their spectacular one-day form in the championship but may have lifted themselves with an implausible victory over Sussex at Horsham. They expect to be without Headley, who has a recurrence of the back complaint that kept him out of the one-day international at Lord's on Sunday. His absence would effectively rule him out of consideration for

the first Test next week. Glamorgan, who might already be top had they had better luck with the weather, play a Durham side strengthened by the return of Brown in Cardiff. They have lost a total of almost seven days to rain. bad light and hail, denying them probable wins over Warwickshire and Yorkshire.

Caddick will be looking for convincing performance against Worcestershire at New Road to strengthen his case for inclusion in the England party for Edgbaston.

# Injury may lead to Zahid's exit

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE are on the verge of releasing Mohammad Zahid, the Pakistan fast bowler, and going without an overseas player for the remainder of the season (Richard Hobson writes). Zahid, 20, is yet to play for the county because of a back injury and is due to undergo a scan on the

problem area today. Previous tests showed soft tissue damage but, despite a series of injections, the injury has not cleared. "It has been dragging on and we need to sort things out sooner rather than later," Alan Ormrod, the Notts manager, said. A decision will be taken by the end of

Zahid's injury is the latest setback to Notts. Chris Cairns, their first-choice overseas player, said he would be unable to bowl this summer because of an ankle problem. After opting not to utilise the New Zealand all-rounder as a specialist batsman, Notts were rebuffed by Lance Klusener, the South Africa bowler. Ormrod is quickly mov-

ing towards the view that, with Cairns signed up for 1998, it would be in Nottinghamshire's long-term inter ests to buck the trend and back the potential of their England-qualified players.

# Home draw fails to lift Surrey's hopes

By SIMON WILDE

CRICKET'S July cup finals have a habit of serving up modest fare, which makes it all the more enticing that the draw yesterday for the Benson and Hedges Cup semi-finals has kept open the possibility of Kent and Surrey, arguably the two most exciting one-day teams in the country, meeting

at Lord's in five weeks. First of all, Kent must see off Northamptonshire, the losing finalists last year, at Canterbury and Surrey dispose of Leicestershire at the Oval. It would be foolish to discount sides that relish debunking expectations, but the ease with which Kent chased 305 to beat Warwickshire on Tuesday and Surrey's formidable strength make defeat for either hard to

envisage. Moreover, by June 10, when the semi-finals take place, Surrey will have their overseas signing, Saqlain Mushtaq, the gifted Pakistan off-spinning all-rounder. Kent, who have reached

more finals - seven - than any other team, but last won the cup in 1978, and Surrey reacted differently to being awarded home ties. Kent delight in playing in front of their own supporters - 6,000 of whom gave them partisan support at the St Lawrence ground against Warwickshire - but Surrey find the Oval strangely intimidating.

For the second time in a fortnight, Adam Hollioake, their captain, voiced his reservations about playing cup-ties there. On the previous occasion, he greeted with relief the prospect of a quarter-final at Chelmsford. Sure enough, Surrey went there and beat Essex with comfort.

Now, they play hosts to Leicestershire on the ground where they have often failed to play to potential in limitedovers games. It is a mystery. as is their failure to find their rhythm this season. "Our

#### CUP DRAW

SEMI-FINALS

v Northamptonshire v Leicestershire Matches to be played on June 10

quarter-final win against Essex was our best performance of the season, without a doubt." Hollioake said. "Before that we had been pretty ordinary and sometimes not

even that.
"The Oval is a very busy place. The balcony to our changing-rooms is basically a public walkway. There are a lot of distractions at home. Our crowd are fantastic, they support us all the way, but sitting up on the balcony you cannot hear them."

# **BOXING**

# banned after tests

**CYCLING** 

FOUR riders were banned from the Giro d'Italia yesterday after failing random blood tests. Vladimir Poulnikov, of Ukraine, his Italian feam-mates, Marco Gili and Roberto Moretti, and the Frenchman, Thierry Laurent, were declared medically unfit to continue the race because their red blood cell count was too high, officials

Michel Riviere, the Interna-tional Cycling Union (UCI) president, said blood samples had been taken from 19 riders an hour before the start yesterday of the eleventh stage over 159 kilometres. The stage was won by Gabriele Missaglia of Italy, with Pavil Tonkov, the Russian, retaining the overall lead for the ninth day.
Poulnikov, Gili and Moretti

were all from the Kross team.
The 31-year-old Ukrainian was the highest-placed of those banned, at 21st overall. 5.22sec behind Tonkov. Last year Poulnikov finished sixteenth overall in the Giro.

The UCI decided to introduce blood tests in January to try to combat the use of EPO (erythropoietin) and injectable blood-doping substances that simulate altitude training by increasing the number of oxygen rich red blood cells.

# Four riders | Ayers must wait for title chance

BARRY HEARN, the Londonbased promoter, is to ask the World Boxing Organisation (WBO) to reschedule the postponed world lightweight championship bout between Artur Grigorian, the champion, and Michael Ayers, of Tooting, to the second week of July (Srikumar Sen writes). Grigorian, from Russia, yesterday pulled out of the contest, which is scheduled to take place in Stuttgart tomorrow, because he is suffering from a damaged shoulder.

Ayers, who has been waiting for more than a year for his second attempt at the title. said: "I just don't know what to say. I was due to fly tomorrow. It's unbelievable for it to happen at this stage. All my hard training has gone to waste."

This is the second time that Grigorian has dropped out of a bout with Ayers, but Hearn said that he would not be asking the WBO to penalise the champion. "I could push for an interim championship. but I do not want to make demands because Michael pulled out once, so it is not all their fault," he said. "The fight has to happen as Michael is the mandatory challenger and I am going to ask the WBO to order it be staged six weeks from now."

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# Clarke's ambition fuelled by Ferrari

THERE cannot be many people who can afford to be blase about the prospect of somebody handing them a key for a Ferrari and telling them that both the key and the car that goes with it are theirs. Darren Clarke is the rare exception — and the reason he is neither shaken nor more than gently stirred by the thought is that he is already a member of the Ferrari-owning

Clarke was offered the Ferrari 355 — bright red, it goes without saying — by his club manufacturers, who promised that if the amiable Ulster giant won a place in the Europe team in the Ryder Cup match in September and went on to win at least two points, the car was his. Incentives do not get much bigger than that. Not that Clarke needs an

incentive. He wants a place in the team as much as anybody. It is merely that it is not his style to go leaping around the place as another birdie putt drops. He lives in Portrush, near the hallowed links of Royal Portrush Golf Club. Life is gentle in that part of the province and Clarke is a man who leads his life completely in tune with his surroundings.

He can afford to be at peace with himself and his sporting life. He is within hailing distance of his first goal — he starts the Tournament Players' Championship of Europe, at the Gut Kaden club, today in third place in the Cup table with nearly 338,000 points in the bank.

Clarke himself will not admit he is in the team yet. although he must know that he has to do little more than remain vertical through to the end of the selection period to confirm his place. First prize in this £750,000 tournament is £125,000, worth the same number of points; victory for Clarke would mean that MacGregor, whose clubs he uses, had better start casting around for a blunt instrument with which to crack open the

piggy hank. It would be nice, Clarke admitted, to have the £100,000 Ferrari and when asked why. as a hopeless addict to speed (of the automotive variety, it must be hastily said), he was not getting more excited about it, he revealed with a small smile that he had bought a Ferrari Testarossa the previous week when he had a few minutes to spare from his

duties at the Volvo PGA Championship at Wentworth. Only secondhand, mind - no point in going mad. It all sounds very dangerous - one four-wheeled testosterone injection might be all very well. but two could do terrible things to a man.

Clarke is joined here by ten other players in the top 20 in the Ryder Cup points list and victory for any one of four of them — Miguel Angel Martin. Costantino Rocca, Thomas Bjorn and Lee Westwood, in sixth to ninth spots - would virtually assure them of a place in the team. Paul Broadhurst also has much to play for. At present 43,000 points addift of Westwood in tenth place, the Midlander would put himself right back in the thick of it if he were to snaffle the big money on offer this week.

To end, a short medical report on three gallant troupers, career casualties all, who will shrug off injury of various degrees of severity to play today. Severiano Ballesteros's back is still aching, Sam Torrance has a pain in the neck and Bernhard Langer has hurt his finger.



Clarke is close to realising his dream of winning a place in the Ryder Cup

BADMINTON

# Hall unable to cling to early advantage

By RICHARD EATON

DARREN HALL led 13-11 in the first game and 4-0 in the second before losing 13-18, 7-15 to Ong Ewe Hock, the No 6 seed, in the world championships in Glasgow vesterday. Lapses of concentration as much as the abilities of Hock. the Malaysian Open champion, contributed to Hall's second-round defeat, which ended the best home hopes of singles success while reinforcing the impression that the Englishman, a former European champion, can still play at the highest level. His defeat left Anne Gib-

son, of Scotland, as the only British survivor in the singles, although there was some consolation in the mixed doubles, in which Simon Archer and Julie Bradbury, of England. upset the seedings with a 15-6. 15-10 victory over the Sandiarto and Finarsih, of Indonesia, earning them-selves a match in the last 16 against Liu Yong and Ge Fei. the All-England champions.

The mixed doubles was also the focus of concern. The seeded South Korean pair of Ha Tae-Kwon and Kim Shin-Young earned only two points and lasted a mere eight minutes against Kim Dong-Moon and Ra Kyung-Min. their

compatriots, and hastened so

good-naturedly to their ex-traordinary defeat that the question of pre-arrangement raised itself as the pair most likely to win a world title for Korea enjoyed stress-free

progress to the last 16. Dong-Moon is the Olympic mixed doubles champion and Kyung-Min the Olympic runner-up. Normally, such strong pairs would have been separated in the draw, but Dong-Moon and Kyung-Min constitute a new partnership with a low world ranking and

therefore no seeding. The circumstances have been reported to the management committee of the International Badminton Federation, and Stan Hales, the deputy tournament referee, said: There is a question as to whether the match was fully competitive."

Fixing matches is hard to prove, but allegations have heen made on several other occasions in recent years. notably after the 1992 All-England final, when the favourite. Xhao Jianhua, lost to his Chinese compatriot, Liu Jun, who was thereby enabled to qualify for the Barcelona Olympics.

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# Cracknell keen to pull his weight

JAMES CRACKNELL puts the equation quite starkly. "Win and it is Matt and Steve who have won, lose and it's our fault." Matt and Steve need no introduction. James: and Tim will be introduced to viewers of Grandstand this weekend. They are the other two in a boat powered by Matt and Steve. It has already been dubbed the Fab Four, but

James is Ringo. In Munich tomorrow, Great Britain's only gold medal-winners from last summer will be racing for the first time since the Olympic final in Atlanta and Redgrave's brief retirement. They have been joined by Cracknell and Tim Foster in the coxiess four, which, all being well, will bring Redgrave his fifth gold in Sydney. Foster won bronze in Atlanta in the coxless four and was widely considered a certainty for one of the most coveted places in rowing. Cracknell, a junior gold medal-winner, had to beat off strong competition for the

fourth spot.
While Redgrave and Pinsent were winning gold, he finished seventeenth in the double sculls after a bout of influenza. If there is trouble, he will be the first to go, which makes victory in the World Cup regatta in Munich all the

more imperative. "I very much feel on trial," Cracknell said. "This is definitely the best thing that has happened to me in terms of rowing, but everyone will be wanting to beat us because Matt and Steve are there. They are used to feeling that pressure, they have nothing to prove, but it's strange for me." Preparations have been hampered by illness. Redgrave had his appendix out. Andrew Longmore meets a new boy brought

in to help an Olympic legend to further glory

Pinsent had a bad back, Tim and Steve had colds. The order in the boat was shuffled. At first, Pinsent stroked, with Redgrave at two and Cracknell at bow. "But that seemed as if Tim and I had just been tacked onto their pair." Cracknell said. Integration had to go deeper than that, particularly as the short-hand developed with Jürgen Groebler, the coach, through two Olympic gold medal-winning campaigns seemed to exclude the newcomers. After one particularly poor outing, the debrief was tense and depressing. Redgrave and Foster swapped places and, on FA Cup final day, came the

first signs of improvement.

nounced yesterday that it will

not be renewing its sponsor-

next year's event, which will

be its twelfth as sponsor

Nick Johnston, the interna-

tional marketing director for

Beefeater, said yesterday:

"The sponsorship has benefited both parties over that

period, but it is no longer the most appropriate vehicle to

support our evolving grand

objectives in international

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ing us can be assured that

(Mike Rosewell writes).

unmoved. "It was almost bad, certainly not like I expected it to feel. Everyone was concentrating hard, but nothing was happening. In the end we decided to blame the boat," he said. Cracknell, at 25, is five months older than Pinsent. He is a qualified PE teacher and has been rowing since he was 14: His early promise has yet to be fulfilled at senior level, though. Too much of his best work, he admits, has been left in the weights room, a weakness Pinsent has already begun to address.

"Matt has shown me you only need to produce your absolute best maybe ten times a season," he said. "It's a matter of confidence. They Through it all, Cracknell [Steve and Matt] have so much was raring to go and wonder-ing why the earth remained confidence in themselves. I don't have that yet, but it's

unique event"

Beefeater's support has en-

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done much to broaden the

appeal of the race."

is learning to keep his head down during Redgrave's grumpy moods. Equally, Pinsent and

Redgrave have benefited from the arrival of some fresh faces and a new challenge. "It's not been as hard to get them involved as I thought it might be," Pinsent said. They're two experienced international rowers and they're not going to be overawed by us. Steve and I just have to be careful about taking things for granted, particularly in the way we

prepare for races. We mustn't exclude the others. But I don't think there is much danger of that. I'm just enjoying the process of forming a new crew. It's made it easier to get out of bed in the morning."

They also have Lombard sponsorship behind them, while Cracknell and Foster are waiting patiently for some funding from the Lottery. "I suppose that could become annoying down the line," Cracknell said. "If they're off flying helicopters and playing golf and me and Tim are living like students. But if it comes down to it. Matt and Steve can just throw their medals down on the table and say what have you got?". At Christmas, I would have paid

to row in this boat." Victory this weekend is a matter of self-esteem for Cracknell, a chance to build some credibility of his own. their training facilities.

Duncan Clegg, the London representative of Oxford and Cambridge, said: "We will be very sad to lose Designation." The BBC cameras are not in Munich for him nor, if this crew holds together, will he be the focus of attention in Sydney. He will always be Redgrave's hired hand. The compensation is that most of his predecessors have been paid in gold.

FINANCIAL NOTICES

# **WEST HAM UNITED PLC**

NOTICE OF SALE OF UNTRACED SHARES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the Company's intention to sell 3075 shares of 50 pence each in

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By order of the Board · P. Storrie, Company Secretary

Date 27/5/97



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BALLROOM DANCING: TALENTED JAPANESE TEAMS UP WITH ENGLISH CHAMPION

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from Boat Race deal

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# Tanaka brings a new dimension

BY RUTH GLEDHILL

AS THE highlight of the British Open championships, the premier event of the ballroom dancing year, approaches tomorrow, the talking point among the 4.000-plus spectators will be one of the most promising, yet unusual, partner-

ships in dance history.
In a union that is the first of its kind at this level. Adèle Preston. England's champion dancer, teams up with Hide Tanaka, of Japan.

Such parmerships in the dance world are rare. British champions, as a rule, begin dancing at six or seven but, like most Japanese, Tanaka, 37, did not start dancing until his late teens, when he was at university.

Strict codes of conduct mean social dancing does not take place in Japan as it does here. In Japan, the close body contact between man and woman is considered too intimate but, while forbidden to dance by social mores, most Japanese, in particular the women, are keen to take to the floor, according to Tanaka.

As a result, there are thousands of amateur and professional dancers on the compensive circuit. As Japan brings the same efficient determination to the sport that it has to industry and commerce, Japanese dancers, along with Germans, Lithuanians, Italians and Scandinavians, are moving up the world rankings to challenge the once-dominant British.

in Japan, Tanaka is accorded the same status by the public as England's leading footballers enjoy here, and his countrymen can now contemplate for the first



Preston. left, and Tanaka have high hopes of success in the British Open

time the prospect of having a dancer in the world's top three. When he heard that Preston was

looking for a partner. Tanaka caught the first plane to England. "I was shaking all over," he said, recalling when they first danced together at the Starlight studio in

Being a new partnership, they will not benefit from the byes normally given to

top-ranking couples at the champion-ships, and will have to dance all seven rounds. This punishing schedule of heats, with waltz, tango, foxtrot and quickstep danced each time and with only 20-minute breaks between each round, can only be met with intense concentration and a build-up of stamina.

A competitive mental attitude is the key, according to Preston. "The best thing for us is to focus entirely on each other, to be in absolute harmony as a couple so that we dance efficiently and don't use excess energy." she said.

Pundits are already speculating that they could be as highly-placed as third in Blackpool, behind Marcus and Karen Hilton, the seven-times undefeated world champions.

Luca Baricchi and Loraine Barry, the world No 2 pairing, who cruised to victory in the European professional championships in Poland earlier this month, are expected to finish in second

To achieve third, Tanaka and Preston will have to overcome another new partnership in Andrew Sinkinson and Charlotte Jørgensen, from Croydon. This battle will be particularly fierce because, until recently. Sinkinson, re-nowned for his stylish foxtrot, used to

the British championships last year. More than 1,500 couples from 50 countries have competed this week. They have come from as far afield as Cyprus, Israel, the United States, South Africa and

dance with Preston. As a partnership, Sinkinson and Preston finished third in

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# Oliver Holt hears another confession from an England footballer

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# Wright calms the wild child within



The new Wright, at peace with himself after baring his soul, relaxes after training with England at Bisham Abbey yesterday. Photograph: Fiona Hanson

HOT on the heels of Paul Gascoigne, Ian Wright leapt into the psychiatrist's chair at Bisham Abbey yesterday as England's preparations for the important World Cup qualifying match against Poland in Katowice on Saturday grew ever more like a spell-

binding group therapy session. Where Gascoigne had bottled most of it up, his simmering anger at the treatment he and his family have received from photographers and the press alike quite clearly festering below the surface. Wright, for so long the epitome of English football's angry young man, let it all hang

Four days after giving what was probably his most impressive performance in an England shirt, leading the line selflessly and menacingly against South Africa at Old Trafford, and capping it off with the winning goal, Wright spoke openly for the first time about the demons that he is trying to control.

In the same way that his England performance convinced many that he still has an international future, even at the age of 33, and elevated him to the status of first attacking reserve behind Alan Shearer and Teddy Sheringham, so the candour and intelligence of his words may persuade many observers that there is a more thoughtful, likeable side to the striker that most supporters love to

"There are things you can't see sitting in the press box, where I'm right on the edge ready to go off." Wright said, "ready to do the typical Ian Wright thing. But only once this season, with the Peter Schmeichel thing, did I let outside things bother me. I got sent off against Nottingham

**BY OUR SPORTS STAFF** 

ON TUESDAY, Josep Lluis

Nuñez announced proudly to

the world that Ronaldo, the

Fifa world player of the year.

was staying with Barcelona. After months of talks about

sums of money that resembled

especially impressive interna-

tional telephone numbers, the

Nou Camp until the Mill-ennium and far beyond. It

seems Núñez spoke too soon.

Yesterday, he announced that

Ronaldo is leaving, almost

certainly to join Internazionale

"Ronaldo is leaving us." Núñez said, confirming that

the contract that would have

kepi Ronaldo in Spain until

2006 and which would have

doubled his salary to around

£2 million each season was

never actually signed when

negotiations concluded on Tuesday night, even though

agreement appeared to have

in Milan.

Forest, but that was just pure

stupidity.

To be honest, there are a lot of things going on privately with respect to people who I see, who have sorted me out in dealing with the anger. I see a counsellor. Why can't I deal with anger and somebody like Dennis Bergkamp can? It may be naturally in his personality, but anyone should be able to deal with it. "I don't want people to think I'm

Ronaldo heads for Internazionale

sponsorship deals. Thus it

now appears that 20-year-old

has already played his last

match at the Nou Camp, at the

weekend against Deportivo La

Coruña, in which, ironically,

he scored the only goal to lift

Barcelona within range of

Real Madrid at the top of the

Spanish League. While there

Ronaldo: gifted

been reached. Ronaldo cer-

tainly thought so. He had said

on Tuesday, while preparing

for a match in Oslo with the

Brazil squad, that he had

agreed a new contract with Nuñez and was remaining a

That was not to be and

Núñez said yesterday that

Ronaldo's agents had been

"artificial" because he believed

they [the agents] had already

reached an agreement with

Inter. "When our meeting was

over and we had shaken

hands, they spoke for almost an hour with the Italian

According to a Barcelona

spokesman, talks broke down

because of objections raised by

Ronaldo's advisors over the

funding of the deal. They felt

that the club should provide

all the finance instead of

bringing in outside sponsors.

whose demands could clash

team," he complained.

Barcelona player.

Tuesday's talks

talking about it because I want sympathy. I am going to a counsellor because things are happening to me on and off the pitch that make me realise how lucky I am.

"I don't want to finish up with people disliking me. I've lived on the edge of a lot of emotions and people either love me or hate me, but I have to try to make myself happy and, in the last few games, I have benefited

At times, Wright sounded like an ageing gunfighter, laying down his weapons and opting at last for the quiet life. He admitted he had tried maliciously" to hurt Schmeichel when he lunged, two-footed, at the Manchester United goalkeeper at Old Trafford earlier in the season but there was a rider. "I'm glad it didn't harm him," he said.

Mostly, though, Wright's attempt to change his ways is a product of



The old Wright, launching himself at Schmeichel and the ball. Photograph: Marc Aspland

are three games to go in the Spanish league, Ronaldo is

committed to play for the

world champions as they

begin a busy summer in Europe and then in the

Copa America, the South

American international

Next season, he will almost

certainly be playing in Serie A. Last week, Inter were reported

to be ready to make a £50

million bid for him, attracted

perhaps by his record 34 league goals in his first season

for Barcelona as much as his

breathtaking natural ability.

failed to challenge for the

Italian championship, they are determined not to fall

☐ Billy McKinlay, the Black-

burn Rovers midfield player, has escaped with a £750 fine

after becoming the first FA

Carling Premiership player to

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enlightened self-interest, a means of extending his shelf life by looking after himself in exactly the way Glenn Hoddle, the England coach, has implored Gascoigne to.

"Everything I'm doing is for the longevity of my career," Wright said. "I want to finish off without controversy. I'm tired of it. I'm annoyed with the fact that I have been like that for so long. The counsellor has shown me that I can still channel my aggression in a good way — and

The sending-off at Forest started it all. I'm so embarrassed by it now. It was a stupid act of petulance by me and I cost the team the game. I didn't need to do it. The important thing with the counselling is the honesty of it. It's like an alcoholic.

I wish that I had started my career earlier. The discipline of being in have been good for me, having to do things like cleaning boots and toilets. There is still a lot of the Sunday morning footballer in me.

"But I'm accepting criticism more now and I'm trying not to contribute to it so much. If it's justified, then I deserve a hammering. I'm just trying to cut down the number of justified occasions. I want people to remember me for my goals and that I am trying to play as long as I can at the

When I'm on the puch, I'm a completely different animal and now it's an animal I'm trying to keep more tame. I don't want to be disliked any more. The Man United fans on Saturday could have given me a hard time, but they didn't. I appreciate that. I'm a softie with a little bit of a devil streak."

# Fans show their anger with sack of tickets

By Our Sports Staff

SOUTHAMPTON supporters are ready to deposit their expired season tickets outside The Dell to show the club's board the extent of their anger at events leading up to Graeme Souness's resigna-

tion as manager.
The club's Independent Supporters Association (Sisa) is furious over the resignation of Souness, which was quickly followed by that of Lawrie McMenemy, the director of football. The supporters blame the Southampton board and want Rupert Lowe, the incoming chairman, and all the club's directors to step

A public meeting is scheduled to take place at a Southampton hotel tonight and organisers are expecting the 700 capacity venue to be

Clive Foley, the Sisa spokes-man, said: "The fans have had enough and feelings are running very high. We anticipate a very large turnout for the meeting. The only language the board of the club appear to understand is money. By collecting the season tickets and dumping them in a sack outside the ground, we want to show them just how much

money they stand to lose. "As far as Graeme is concerned, our position is one of total confidence in his managerial ability and personal integrity. If he were to reconsider his position following this board's resignation, we would back him to the full."

Foley said that members of the board had been invited toattend the meeting, but add-ed: "We think we know what

# Uefa comes to the aid of its poor relations

By RUSSELL KEMPSON

AMID the mad, mad moneygo-round of world football, Uefa, the sport's governing body in Europe, yesterday introduced a semblance of sanity. It is to establish a fund to provide compensation to amateur and smaller professional clubs when they lose their best players, without a fee, to the larger clubs.

Many of the smaller clubs have struggled to survive since the Bosman ruling of December 1995, which stated that there should be no payments for players once their contracts had ended. The European Union (EU) decreed that footballers were entitled to the same freedom of movement as other EU workers.

However, the decision has threatened the viability of many of the lesser clubs. whose existence over the years has depended almost solely on their nurturing of young players and their subsequent sale. Without receiving any transfer fees, they have little incentive home grown talent and little hope of making up the financial shortfall.

Jean Fournet-Fayard, a member of Uefa's executive committee, said yesterday: "We are looking at a figure of a maximum of SwFr 150,000 (about £67,000) to go to the amateur club or smaller club. This will come from a pool established by money from

The pool is aimed at helping the smaller clubs. When players move across borders from an amateur to a professional club, there is no transfer fee involved at present when the players have fin-

ished their contracts." Mick Michels, a spokesman for Uefa, said: "This situation is also now effecting transfers between clubs in the same country. Uefa has set up this new fund to guarantee the security of the smaller clubs. It .

is not a transfer fee as such: it

is compensation." The FA Premier League, which is responsible for the FA Carling Premiership, is also doing its bir to promote football at a junior professional level. From next season, for the first time, it will run the FA Premier Youth League, which will be open to all Premiership clubs and those recently relegated from it.

It is seen as complementing the "Charter for Quality" pro-gramme for English football. this month by Howard Wilkinson, the technical director of the Football Association.

"I'm delighted by the vision this shows," Wilkinson said yesterday. "The development is in line with the charter and will undoubtedly lead to greater quality in the years to

Players in the youth league will be predominantly under-18. There will be no more than 30 matches per team per season, with a winter break, and they will be balanced nationally and regionally.

Six Premiership players have "lost" goals credited to them during the season. A and half-a-dozen of the 25 as own goals. Egil Ostenstad. thus lost a third of the hat-trick that he claimed in the 6-3 victory against Manchester United at The Dell on October

The players who have been debited are: S Milosevic (Aston Villa) v Wimbledon, Dec 22: J A Fjortoft (Middles-brough) v Liverpool, Dec 14: E Ostenstad (Southampton) v Manchester United, Oct 26; C Russell (Sunderland) v Chelsea, Dec 15; A Ward (Derby County) v Chelsea, Mar I: J Redknapp (Liverpool) v Everton, Apr. 16.

# Wenger rebuffed over transfers

ARSÈNE WENGER, the Moussa Saib it just became a Arsenal manager, said last money-race for his wages night that he would not be which we did not want to be pursuing any further interest in Marcel Desailly, of AC Milan, who has been linked: with the Highbury club. Desailly is now likely to sign for Atlético Madrid for somewhere in the region of

Wenger also admitted that he had pulled out of the "money-race" for Moussa Saib, the Algeria midfield player, before he joined Valencia, the Spanish club, for E3 million last weekend. Another Frenchman, Jérôme Bonissel, has decided to stay with Deportivo La Coruña rather than join Arsenal.

The importance of Arsenal's wage structure was uppermost in Wenger's mind when considering new signings, as he underlined: "I still want to respect our wages structure: I have told everyone I will sign new players and I am confident it will happen soon, but there is no panic. People should remember we have a

very good team already.

We are in Europe next season and need more players in the squad but agents have put up 25 or 50 names which are just not right. We were never really in the running for Desailly, although I very much like the player, and with

High on Wenger's list of wanted men are believed to be Marc Overmars, the Ajax and Holland winger, and Graeme Le Saux, the Blackburn Rovers and England wing back, but Wenger said: "I won't discuss any more names. We will make our signings when we are ready but we will be very discreet."

He denied, however, that he was interested only in signing players from his home country, after the arrivals at Highbury of Patrick Vieira and Nicolas Anelka. "So long as they fit into the spirit and structure of our team, the nationality does not matter to me," Wenger said.

The Arsenal manager will be paying the Austrian club Casino Graz £500,000 to secure the services of Alex Manninger, 19, to understudy David Seaman, the England goalkeeper, next season and, last month, Wenger splashed out nearly (2 million to sign Matthew Upson, Luton

Town's 18 year-old centre half. One possible signing mooted during the past season was Ibrahim Ba, of Bordeaux — but Ba is now apparently going to AC Milan for 15 million.

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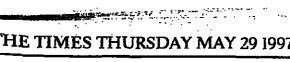
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TENNIS: ECONOMICAL SAMPRAS KEEPS PLENTY IN HAND FOR ATTEMPT TO CLAIM FIRST FRENCH TITLE

# Comes the times thursday may 29 1997 Id of its tennis: Economical sampras keeps plenty in I relation Graf makes serene Tennis: Economical sampras keeps plenty in I relation Graf makes serene Tennis: Economical sampras keeps plenty in I relation Graf makes serene progress look like child's play

WEDNESDAY is the traditional children's day at Roland Garros when the gates of the French Open are thrown open, free of charge, to the schoolchildren of the country. And vesterday they were everywhere; under your feet, spilling exuberantly onto the courts in search of autographs, providing a gala at-mosphere to the insular multimillion dollar world of

And they saw, these new, young visitors, that indeed games are child's play. There was the \$20 million smile of Steffi Graf, fully recovered from injuries, gliding through against a 17-year-old French girl. Amelie Mauresmo, 6-3,

She also glided into second place in the all-time women's money-list, just a couple of hundred thousand dollars behind Martina Navratilova's \$20,344,06]. If Graf wins this tournament again, she will

pass that statistic.
Sharing the same air of ease. Pete Sampras simply swept away any doubts yesterday, dismissing Francisco Clavet, the Spanish clay-court specialist, 6-1, 6-2, 6-2 in less

than an hour and a half. Sampras, without a hint of his own recent groin strain, is playing well within himself, soothing away the doubts that he can claim the last jewel in his Grand Slam collection and win here for the first time.

SINGLES: First round: P Korda (Cz) bt J Buriko (Sp) 5-4, 8-0, 7-6; M Woodlords (Aus) bt J Sanchez (Sp) 5-7, 7-8, 6-7, 6-4, 8-8; W Ferreira (SA) bt M Tillstrom (Swe) 6-7, 7-8, 6-7, 6-3, 6-1; F Fontarg (Fr) bt P Fredriksson (Swe) 6-3, 6-7, 8-0, 4-8, 6-2

er rebuffed

transfers

One wonders if the infant visitors understood what was happening on court No 2 where Carlos Moya, the No 9 seed and a player tipped to go

all the way in Paris, was eliminated in four sets by a qualifier. Almost inevitably, for the Spaniards are such masters of this surface, the qualifier. Albert Portas, is not only a compatriot of Moya, he lives close by in the Catalan city of Barcelona.

One man who did not catch the exuberance of the day, the reigning champion, Yevgeny Kafelnikov, eased past a Frenchman, Guillaume Raoux, again in straight sets, again in less than half the time it takes to variouish Englishmen from the tournament.

straightfaced, Kafelnikov keeps playing down his expectations, keeps insisting that he cannot be a true defender of his title, that he has lost too much preparation, that anyway he is not the best player on clay. Nobody is listening, particularly in Rus-sia, for their champion refused to speak one word in his mother tongue.

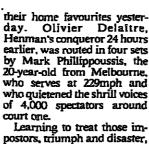
He, like everyone else, obeyed the dictat to stop a while, to sign the autographs of the persistent children. They, after all, are the future, and the French have the philosophy of nurturing tomorrow's spectators down to a

Alas, they lost another of

(US) bt L. Nedand (Lat) 6-4, 8-4; M. Babel (Ger) bt H. Sukova (Cz) 4-6, 6-4, 12-10.

(Ger) bit H Sukova (C2) 4-6, 6-4, 12-10.

DOUBLES: First round: M J Fernandez and L Raymond (US) bit C Morandu (US) and A-G Sidol (Fr) 6-1, 6-3; M Hingis (Switz) and A Sanchez Vicarlo (Sp) bit R Grande (t) and K-A Guse (Aus) 6-3, 7-8; E Curutchat and S Georges (Fr) bit D Graham (US) and K Karnos (Aus) 3-8, 7-6, 8-1; W Probist (Ger) and A Suglyame (Jepan) bit A Ethwood and R McCuttan (Aus) 6-8, 6-1; V Csurgo and K Marosi (Hun) bit S anger and K Jegianak (Fr) 6-2, 6-3; A Costzer (SA) and M Pierce (Fr) bit S Jeysaelan (Car) and J Lee (US) 6-4, 6-1; N Feber (Bel) and P Hy-Boutles



postors, triumph and disaster, just the same is part of growing up. Jeff Tarango, the player who distinguished himself, if that is the word, by walking out on Wimbledon after disputing a line call in 1995, reproduced some of his histrionics on the Suzanne Lenglen show court He argued incessantly, he

fell on to the clay, attempting, it seemed to me, to distract his opponent, Thomas Muster. The Austrian, trying to summon up the form that once made him the king of clay, was not amused. He grunted he groaned, he outmuscled Tarango, but in completing his victory he turned his back and refused the traditional handshake.

"I don't think he [Muster] knew what I was complaining about," said Tarango. "And at the end, I think he was just too tired to know what was going on." Wrong. Muster knew gamesmanship when he saw it, and would rather it stayed in America where Tarango

France will be as happy as Wimbledon to see the back of this ungracious American. And France, the children put to bed, will look forward this morning to an intriguing

contest in the women's singles. Nathalie Tauziat, born in Africa but a resident of France since she was eight, plays Venus Williams, also from America, but at 16 years of age someone who has grasped the whole context of playing to win while smiling at the fortunes tennis has brought to

Williams was multimillionairess before she crossed the Atlantic for the first time last week; at 6ft lin she towers eight inches above Tauziat, but she concedes 13 rears of expertences to th adopted French heroine. A clash of styles, a contest of

temperaments, an examination of just how far Venus Williams has come. And perhaps, after our laments, we should remember that today offers one last British stand. Mark Petchey is partnered by the Czech, David Rikl, in the men's doubles, a chance for someone from our island to get past the first round.



#### **BOWLS**

# England seek fresh approach

By DAVID RHYS JONES

ENGLAND

(Devon). RINK THREE: G Moon (Oxfordshire), R Stanley (Worcestershire), G Burgess

Norcestershire), G Bu Worcestershire), D Denson (Devon) RINK FOUR: M Bantock (Buckingham)

cavalier attitude.

TIME for a change. The slogan seems to have appealed to the English Bowling Association, who have rung the changes vigorously in the hope of achieving a landslide in the home international series at Worthing, from June 30 to July 4.

The introduction of seven

new caps and the recall of two former internationals is not in character with the conservative approach normally employed by the national selectors.

Unusually, two of the newcomers — Danny Denison and Lee Miller — will skip rinks on their international debuts, while Mark Bantock. Mike Bennett, Les Gillett. Greg Moon and Rob Stanley are chosen to play front-end roles.

Denison, from Torquay,

was regarded as a rebel when John Bell and Andy Thomson he won the national champiin successive trials, and will on of champions title twice in line up with two new caps the 1980s, and has often Moon and Stanley, and old irritated officialdom with his hand, Grant Burgess.

Miller skipped March Conservatives to the English fours Wiser now, he deserves his title in Worthing last year, but his elevation to England skip place after skipping his rink to victories over Tony Allcock, was unexpected. Even more surprisingly, he will benefit from the support of the distinulsuea Joun Bell, a RMK ONE: A Wills (Gloucestershire). S Aurey (Cumbria), R Moses (Susser), A Alcock (Gloucestershire) RMK TWO: J Otraway (Nortolk), M King (Nortold), S Tuohy (Middlesex), D Cuttler Descript

skip, at third man. Gary Smith, too, is relieved of his skipping role, but says he will be happy to settle as a No 2 with his Kent and England colleague, Thomson. with whom he won the world

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indoor pairs title. David Cutler, from Plymouth, keeps his place at skip and is given a new front-end in John Ottaway and Mervyn

RINK FOUR: M Bartock (Buckinghamshire), M Bennert (Northumberland), J Bell (Cumbrie), L Miller (Cambridgeshire), Bell (Cumbrie), L Miller (Cambridgeshire), G A Smath (Nert), J Learnan (Burham), A E Thomson (Kent), Plearnan (Burham), A E Thomson (Kent), Pednall (Sutoli), L Gillen (Diousstershire), G Charlon (Kent), D Ward (Nortolk), RESERVES I Maddox (Worcestershire), G Wooldron (Berkshire)

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spokeswoman said.

#### **OXFORD EIGHTS**

ORIEL and Osler-Green rowed over at the top of the men's and women's first divisions on the opening day of the Oxford University Summer Eights on the Isis yesterday.

Oriel were pushed all the way by Magdalen, who closed to within half a length at the finish. Brasenose moved up to fifth after bumping St Ed-

mund Hall. Osler-Green were neve troubled and were clearly in a different class in the women's top division. They were five lengths clear of St Catherine's at the University Boathouse. All the top six women's crews rowed over, but Pembroke did gain an overlap on St Hilda's.

Asked by The Times yesterday whether he would, as requested attend a meeting with Harm Beyer, honorary secretary of the League, and offer an apology for the events in Vienna. De Bruin said from his home in Holland: "I have no intentions of doing that with them. Harm Beyer is nothing to me." Beyer retorted: "So, if that is what he says, he will be in conflict with us over Seville." He said the League would "take an official position" at its June meeting.

**SWIMMING** 

Smith and

de Bruin

in troubled

waters By CRAIG LORD

MICHELLE SMITH, Ire-

land's triple Olympic champion, and Erik de Bruin, her

coach and husband, clashed

with officialdom again yester

day. One dispute ended in Smith withdrawing from a French competition, and the

other could lead to her missing

the European championships

Smith's withdrawal from

the Canet International in

southern France in a dispute

over appearance money was accompanied by de Bruin

insisting that he would refuse

a request from the European Swimming League to apolo-

gise for assuming a false identity at the European

championships in Vienna two

years ago.

in Seville this summer.

Smith, who received a warning from Fina, the international governing body, this year after failing to make herself available for an out-of-competition drugs test last October, has not yet decided whether she will compete in Seville. De Bruin said her participation would depend solely on whether she is in good shape". However, the couple have commented in the Irish media that one would find it unacceptable to attend a competition without the other.

De Bruin, whose four-year drugs suspension by the International Amateur Athletic Federation expires this summer, will almost certainly be denied an accreditation for Seville without an apology for his activities in Vienna. Beyer claimed that de Bruin had presented himself in the doping control room with Smith in Vienna. "He had no accreditation.-When asked to show it. he said he had lost it," Beyer said. "When asked who he was, he gave the name of a

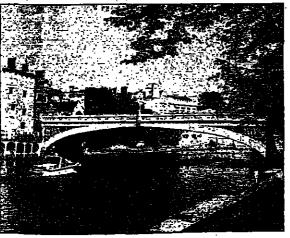
The League later uncovered the truth of de Bruin's identity because he had written notes down on the doping control form in Dutch, raising suspicions about his nationality.

De Bruin acknowledged that the incident had taken place. "I was there fin Viennal in the interests of my swimmer," he said. "The Irish federation did not accredit me in Vienna, but it was appropri-

ate for me to be there." Meanwhile, a spokeswoman for the Canet meet said that Smith had agreed a deal to be paid Ffr10,000 (around £1,100) for each of her appearances at competitions in Sarcelle and Canet. The Canet organisers then offered Smith Ffr20,000 to guarantee her participation.

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# DOUBLES: First round: C Brand and F Meston (tt) bt k Jones and S Metville (US) 6-4, 7-5; S Davis (US) and C van Rensburg (SA) bt B Haygarth (SA) and T J Meddelon (US) 6-1, 7-6; T Krosemann (US) and D MacPherson (Aus) bt J Farar (Ang) and N Lapertii (Ecu) 4-5, 7-6, 6-3; E Couto and B Mota (Por) bt S Stolle (Aus) and C Suk (Co) 6-2, 6-7, 6-2; L Jensen and M Jensen (US) bt M Kell and C Woodruif (US) 6-3, 6-4; M Damm (Cz) and A Othovsky (Russ) bt S Hirston and G Ranseake (Cro) 8-4, 4-5, 6-1; N Bread (GB) and P Novel (SA) bt B Black (Zm) and J Gemelstob (US) 6-3, 8-2; T Woodhordge and M Woodhorde (SA) bt B Black (P) and J Satzenstein (US) bt P Korde (Cz) and J Satzenstein (US) bt P Render (Bel) and T B Tabbot (SA) 7-5, 6-6; J Elongh and P Hearhuis (Holl) bt D Adams and W Ferrera (SA) 6-4, 4-6, 6-1; M Knowtee (Bah) and D Nestor (Can) bt M (F) b-2 6-3; A Cleazer (SA) and in Harter (F) bt S Jayasselan (Can) and J Lee (US) 6-4, 6-4; N Feber (Bel) and P Hy-Bouleis (Can) bt C Dhenin and S Pitionesis (Fr) 6-4, 6-2; A Fazzier and K Po (US) bt D Jones (Aus) and T Tarassigam (Thal) 3-6, 6-4, 8-4; M Paz (Arg) and R Simpson (Can) bt P Langrova and L Nemeckova (C2) 6-3, 6-2 READER OFFER THE SECTIMES THE TIMES RAIL OFFER FROM £5 TO



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GLASGOW: World championships: Men:
First round: P Uhenov (Pluss) to 1 Posts
(Gar) 18-13, 12-15, 15-12; I Wijeya (Indo) bt
P Jantii (Pin) 15-3, 4-15, 15-11; M Constable
(Eng) bt Tam Lok In (Hx) 3-15, 15-9, 1510; P Rasmussen (Oen) bt A Thrianstablu
(Thai) 15-7, 15-8; Lin Liwen (Chra) bt M
Korchotk (Bela) 15-5, 15-1; Park Sung-Woo
(S Kor) bt M S Mejeed (Pab) 15-8, 15-8; D
Palyerne (Holl) bt Neta Masuda (Japan) 159, 11-15, 15-11; A B Kasama (Indo) bt V
Parkeardnen (Inda) 15-8 15-1; H Benglason
(Swe) bt M Vesconcelos (Por) 15-1, 15-7
Sacond round: Dong Jiong (Chris) bt
Uvarov 15-11, 15-5; T Suer-Lauricksn
(Swe) bt J van Dijk (Fol) 18-16, 15-6; Ong
Ewe Hock (Malaysis) bt D Half (Eng) 18-13,
15-6; H Arbu (Indo) bt M Berss (Can) 15-4,
15-11; Willyap bt Constable 15-3, 15-11; Park
(S Kor) bt Palyama 15-5, 15-9; Kusama
(Indo) bt Benglason 15-9, 15-5 Women:
First round: Huang Cris-Ch. (Tawen) bt T
Woodward (Eng) 12-9, 11-3; J Meulendijks
(Holl) bt K Somundson (Can) 12-10, 11-3;
2 Trang Ning (Chris) bt D Marco (Sp) 11-1,
11-0; M Sorensan (Den) bt M Pohar
(Sovenia) 11-0, 11-4, A Glabon (Sco)) bt K
Erisson (Swe) 11-4, 10-12, 11-3; P JinHyun (S Kor) bt H Nogemine (Japan) 11-5,
11-4; C Martin (Den) bt D Marco (Sp) 11-1,
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(Sovenia) 11-1, 11-1

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BATH: City of Bath Open teamment. Men: Singles: Third round: T Currimings bt A Rees 21-16. K Fletcher bi D Behop 21-13. D Southcombe bt J Doughty 21-19. K Hon-mer bt D Parslow 21-12. R Wheeler bt J Breft 21-16. R Gail bt D Lotd 21-7. P Spect bt W Alsander 21-11; E Hatheril bt J Cook. 21-14; T McStrevick bt M Mitchell 21-17; A

Colebrooke to P Benneti 21-17: I Window bi J Riddles 21-14; J Erskin bi G Moores 21-13: R Doughly bi C Barton 21-18: G Hall bi D Mayo 21-12: M Linn bi J Barton 21-11: B Smith bi P Provs 21-20: G Allon bi J Bale 21-10, R Hennessy bi B Dolling 21-20: M Tobs bi G Howes 21-13: R Francis bi B Rice 21-13: R Coller bi M Carr 21-15: C Bartlett bi J Bibby 21-18; L Perfors bi G Colebrooles 21-17: J Squires bi T Matchell 21-17; P Moody bi B Godwin 21-14, M Masenb Li D Bibby 21-18: L Perfors bi G Colebrooles 21-17: J Squires bi T Matchell 21-17; P Moody bi B Godwin 21-14, M Masenb Li D Bowning 21-10: D Bewin bi J Cloris 21-10: D Geo bi J Perry 21-11: F Johnson bi J Christin 21-16; D Geo bi J Perry 21-11: F Johnson bi J Christin 21-16; D Geo bi J Guillok 21-16; L Murphy bi M Evens 21-5: M Memmig bi M Maisie-Lifey 21-13: B Alford bi D Knocker 21-17; A Jacobs bi M Bray 21-16: J S Smepheard bi M Maisie-Lifey 21-13: B Alford bi D Knocker 21-17; A Jacobs bi M Bray 21-16: J S Smepheard bi M Maisie-Lifey 21-16: A Murphis 21-17. Nowden bi M Squires 21-11: N Davidson bi P Bradley 21-6. M Dyer bi B Garraway 21-10: D Ofmoje bi M Brand 21-15: W Bernett bi E Talbot 21-11, J Wilfenson bi J Moores 21-17; S Wehners bi M Wayo 21-19; S Hancock bi A Winsbrough 21-12.

MARRIOTT HOTEL, London: British By-weight championship (12mds): A Lewis (Bury) bt M Reynolds (Sudbury, notder) pts. Feather (Rods): G Medina (Mae) bt 6 Burrell (Kirkcaldy) rec 3rd Feather (Brds): P Ireland (Beltast) bt R Martinez (Med) sc 2nd. Middle (Ards): J Raicliff (Romford) bt J Finlayson (Manchester) pts.

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BOWLING Vaas 7-0-40-1; S C de Silva 6-0-41-1; Dharmasena 8 1-0-23-1; Muralitharan 10-0-40-3; Jayasuriya 7-0-42-1, P A de Silva 5-0-26-1. Men of the match, P A de Silva Man of the senes; S T Jayasuriya Umpres RS Durne (New Zealand) and DR Orchard (South Africa).

THE PARKS (second day of three): Oxford University 203 and 175-1 (M Wagh 82 not out); MCC 269 (A R Whittall 68, R P Golton 56)

MIDI LIBRIC: First stage (from Narbonne to Beraqueville, 199km); 1, L Desbiens (Fr) Str. 22min Sosac, 2, B Hamburger (Den) at 8sec; 3, L Gelir (ti) 12.4, R Massi (ti) same time; 5, J Ulinch (Ger); 6, C Vasseur (Fi) ali same time.

Tuesday's late result INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Scotland 0 Wales 1 (at Rugby Park, Klimamock) HOCKEY

MEN'S INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Austra-la 2 Palvatarn 1 (in Adelaide; Australia lead best-of-six series 2-1). ISLANDERS INTERNATIONAL TOUR-NAMENT: Men: Finalt Islanders 1 City of Portemouth 5, Women: Finalt: Islanders 1 ice Cubes (Gospori) 1 (aet, Islanders win 3-1 on pens) (both at Portsithouth)

MOTOR RACING BNDIANAPOLIS 500 (Linted States unless stated): 1. A Luyendyk (Holl), G-Force-Aurora (Frestone), 200 laps: 2, S Goodyear (Carl), G-Force-Aurora (Frestone), 200 laps, 3, J Ward, G-Force-Aurora (Good-year), 200 laps: 4, B Lazer, Dallera-Aurora (Frestone), 200 laps

RUGBY LEAGUE STONES SUPER LEAGUE: Halifax Blue Sox 26 Bradford Bulls 30 RUGBY UNION

14 British Isles XV 18 (et East London)
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has the merit of being an attempt to

run the equivalent of two back-to-back

(c) To continue poking with a stick or pointed instrument in a hole. Also specifically to fish for eels, by thrusting a stick with a baited hook into the holes, and under the stones where they lie.

Northern dialect. The frequentative of brog to prick or prod. "A way to catch eels by broggling: Go into some shallow place of

the river among the great stones, and broggle up and down till

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Despite what the market-

ing teams will tell you.

such confrontations are

there is a full cast of

Such contests do

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the start

amateur against Cummings, saying that he wanted to give his share of the nothing new. The originals were often great challenges, for massive wagers, between running footmen - the ser-Promoters of such spectacles were

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sion to race as an

George, right, and Cummings battle for supremacy in their famous head-to-head race at the Lillie Bridge Ground in London in August 1886

Episodes of gladiators lose their

He was in remarkable shape. Alaware that a couple of good champions though he worked a 12-hour day in a could guarantee big gate money and, chemist's shop. George devised a by the 19th century, such contests were established crowd-pullers and the subsystem of training whereby he would ject of heavy betting. One of these, in chalk a line on the floor in the August 1886, provided one of the great pharmacy and prance on the spot whenever he got the chance, lifting his time. Although it is being billed as a performances of the century.

appeal when athletes revert to hype world its first great hundred-up exercise". When he did manage to get to a track, his training master miler was formidable and consisted mainly Wiltshireman of time-trials. In one of these, he was reported to have run 4min 09sec for a training mile on a track in Surbiton.

The world record stood at 4min 18.4sec. On the day of the mile match, at the Lillie Bridge Ground in London, the crowd, estimated at up to 30,000, was so dense that according to an eyewitness "George was forced to reach his dressing-room at the top of the old grandstand by means of a ladder from an adjoining coal yard".

It was a fiercely fought race with the first quarter run in 58.5sec and the half in 2min 1.8sec. The crowd went wild and invaded the track as George pulled away to win in 4min 12.8sec. Cummings, a beaten man, collapsed with 60 yards

to go. What made this headto-head much greater than anything that will be attempted this weekjunk sport' end is that it took place over a classic distance -

the mile - and it involved just two men, with no pacemakers to help them purse to the Worcester Infirmary. The out. Such was the standard of George's running that the world record set that day was not touched by any runner, amateur or professional, for 29 years. No concert, no parade, no silly distance - but George and Cummings had given the world a head-to-head.

and a record, worth treasuring. JOHN BRYANT

# **RUGBY UNION**

# Super idea from islanders

By Our Sports Staff

FUI, Tonga and Western Samoa said yesterday that they have joined forces and will apply as one team to take part in the Super 12 series next year. Brad Johnstone and Bryan Williams, the coaches, respectively, of Fiji and Western Samoa, told a press conference they have formally written to Australia, New Zealand and South Africa seeking entry.

The competition is at present played between five New Zealand, four South African and three Australian teams from the nations linked through the Sanzar com-

The islanders said that they intend to launch a combined Pacific Islands team, involving players from around the

The coaches reported that Tonga was not represented at the conference because of a tour to South Africa, but has given support to the proposed combined team.

Earlier this year. John Hart, the New Zealand coach, expressed doubts over a Pacific team, such as Western Samoa, entering the Super 12 because.

was working well and should not be tampered with just yet. Johnstone and Williams, however, said that the objective of launching a combined team was to prove that the Pacific islands could work together to field a highly competitive side that would be worthy of entry into an expanded Super 12. They said that, rather than compete with each other for Super 12 representation, the three unions

had decided to combine. The final of the 1997 compe tition. between Auckland Blues and ACT Brumbies will be played at Eden Park,



# The high price of privacy

Private hospitals may offer en suite bathrooms, carpeted floors and chablis on the wine list but for medical care you might be better off on the muchabused NHS. Shahnaz Pakravan's report fleshes out its charge with a raft of horror stories. A man whose wife died of cancer says he had to lay her out himself because there was nobody in the hospital to contact. A teenager lying in a private bed in severe pain had his bleeper pushed away so that he would not complain. Only when he was transferred to an NHS hospital was his condition properly red to an INFIS mospital was his condition property diagnosed. Curiously, for you would not expect these people to lie, the private hospitals involved totally reject the accusations. According to the film the root of the problem is that private patients are in the hands of consultants who are often not there, leaving a transport to access the total control of the problem. leaving nurses to cope as best they can.

BBC2, 8.30pm Summer is here, allegedly, and with it the return of the jolly series about outdoor pursuits. One that only the most fearless will want to try is crawling through a cavern in the Peak District where once there was a tropical lagoon. The rest of us will be happy to take their word for it. Collecting amber on happy to take their word for it. Collecting amber on Cromer beach is a gentler activity and the cue for a diverting item about the origin of the stone as a tree resin and hints on how to tell it from impostors. The big surprise is the Ray Mears slot. He is the great survival expert, as he demonstrated recently from some most inhospitable places. Tonight, though, he is taking a gentle walk through the Surrey countryside. The Rev Rupert Greene is book with his cartony-strip nature notes and back with his cartoon-strip nature notes and among the new faces is Pete McCarthy from Channel 4's Travelog.

#### Channel 4, 8.30pm

The Carnival Destiny, we are told, is the largest most lavish and most expensive cruise ship in the world and destined for a mention in The Guinness Book of Records. Donald Trump and Alan Whicker are on board to luxuriate. As the inaugural voyage leaves Miami for the Caribbean.

Kathy Burke caught in the act (C4, 9.45)

the 1,000 crew members prepare to give the 35,000 passengers the time of their lives. But enough of the PR gush. Hardly is the ship out of port than the computer is on the blink. The purser's office is besieged by passengers complaining that their rooms are not ready. Two hours after sailing the computer crashes completely. The lifts stick, the lavatories do not work and there is water coming through the ceiling. As the guests sit down to the biggest meal ever served at sea, the title of the series is becoming all too accurate.

#### Short and Curlies: Hello, Hello, Hello Channel 4, 9.45pm

Kathy Burke, winner of the Best Actress award at the Cannes Film Festival, essays a more modest role in a quirky and clever two hander from the actor David Thewlis in unaccustomed guises as writer and director. Burke plays a woman writer and director. Burke plays a woman rummaging in a skip at night who is apprehended by a policernan (Robert Pugh). Their conversation takes an unexpected turn. Looking for all the world like a down and out, the woman declares that she is in fact an artist looking for old boxes for her three-dimensional collages. The cop first mocks such activity and then does his best to trump it, telling her that he writes poetry, reeling off names of artists and asserting that his father knew Dylan artists and asserting that his father knew Dylan Thomas. Meanwhile, rubbish rains down from a top storey window, echoing the increasingly absurd nature of the dialogue. Peter Waymark

#### RADIO CHOICE

On the Ropes

Radio 4, 9.30am John Humphrys interviews Lord McAlpine of West Green for this, the latest in an absorbing series about people who have been through crises and how they coped. The recent serialisation of McAlpine's memoirs in The Times demonstrated that the former Tory treasurer has a sharp eye for flaws in others and a sharp pen with which to reveal them, but he can be just as frank about himself. McAlpine was a phenomenally successful treasurer, but he admits to Humphrys that he regrets taking money from Asil Nadir. McAlpine lost a fortune in a failed holiday complex and that, plus his acrimonious departure from the family building firm and heart disease, greatly reduced his means. But McAlpine is above all a survivor.

#### RADIO 1

7.00am Mark Raddiffe 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whiley 2.00pm Nicky Cempbell 4.00 Kevin Greening 6.15 Newsbeat 6.30 Evening Session 8.30 Movie Update 8.40 John Pesi

#### RADIO 2

6.00am Alex Lesier 7.30 Wake Up to Woosn 9.30 Ken Bruce 10.00 Shelley With Stephen Temploneon and Gine McKee (2/6) 10.30 Richard Allinson 12.00 Jon Brigge 3.00mm Adrian Finighan Chaica Khan — Celebrity Soul Show 9.30 The News Huddlines

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rate of OM The A The Magazine 12.00 Midday with Meir 2.00 Ruscoe on Five 4.00 John Invertigal Nationalder 7.00 Navis Extra 7.35 On the Line, Investigative sports programme 8.00 Inside Edge 9.00 David Gower's Criciast Weekly 10.00 News Talk, with Paul Hanna 2,00am Up All Night with Rhod Sharp

TALK RADIO

5.00am Chris Aehley and Sandy Warr 7.00 Paul Ross 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lorraine Kelly 2.00pm Torrainy Boyd 4.00 Pater Deeley 7.00 Moz Dae's Sportszone 10.00 James Whele 1.00am Ian Collins

Prokofiev (Suite: The Love for Three Oranges);

Suk (Praga) 12.00 Composer of the Week: Komgold 1.00pm Verismo Volces. Gordon Stewart presents

1.00pm Verismo Volces. Gordon Stewart presents four programmes about the Italian verismo (2/4) 2.00 To Johannes Brahms. The first of a new series of eight programmes teaturing music by Brahms and works dedicated to him by his friends and admirers. Includes Clara Schumann (Three Romances. Op 21); Brahms (Variations on a Theme by Schumann, Op 9) (1/8) 3.00 BBC National Orchestra of Wales, under David Atherton. Rimsky-Korsakov (Capriccio Espagnol); Mortsahatge (Canciones Alegras); Falla (El Amor Brujo); Mussorgsky, orch Ravel (Pictures from an Exhibition)
4.15 Ensemble. Perny Gore introduces a performance.

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ensemble. Penny Gore introduces a performance of Schubert's last giano sonate in 8 flat, D960, given by Bernard Roberts (r). The Music Machitine. Young Composers' Workshop. Verity Sharp follows the progress of the young composer Rose Douglas as site writes her place for members of the BBC Philharmonic.

You will of course know Arthur Miller, playwright but Arthur Miller, furniture maker, was unknown to me until this new series came along. The playwright and the furniture maker are one and the same person and the purpose of the series is to highlight the secondary passions of the famous. There is always the suspicion in these matters that the celebrity is merely lending a name to some product or other but Miller is not in that category:

he takes chisel to wood in his Connecticut workshop, making a bench for his front porch while the programme was being recorded. Miller says that he had to build a shed before he could develop the charges of Willie I many for Post of develop the character of Willie Loman for Death of a Salesman.

Peter Barnard

Another String: Arthur's Seat

Radio 4, 8.45pm

#### WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. News on the hour. 6.00em Newsday 6.30 Europe Today 7.15 The World Today 7.30 Meridian Books 8.15 Off the Shelf 8.30 Composer of the Month 9.10 Pause for Off the Shell 8,30 Composer of the Month 9,10 Pause for Thought 9,15 Turning a Tune 9,30 Hot Naw Country 10,05 Business 10,15 A Private View 10,30 BBC English 10,45 Sport 11,30 Discovery 12,30 par Born a Girl 12,45 From Our Own Correspondent 1,85 Business 1,15 Entain Today 1,30 Record News 1,45 Sport 2,00 Newshour 3,05 Outlook 3,30 Multirack: X-Press 4,05 Sport 4,15 Turning a Tune 4,30 News in German 5,00 Europe Today 5,30 Business 5,45 Britain Today 6,05 Business 8,15 The World Today 6,30 News in German 6,45 Sport 7,30 Assignment 8,01 Outlook 8,25 Pause for Thought 9,30 John Peel 9,00 Newshour 10,06 Business 10,15 Britain Today 10,30 Meridan Books 11,30 The World Today 11,45 Sport 12,05em Outlook 12,30 The Vintage Chart Show 1,30 Turning a Turne 1,45 Britain Today 2,30 The Worls 3,30 Focus on Felih 4,05 Business 4,15 Sport 4,30 Europe Today on Felith 4.05 Business 4.15 Soort 4.30 Europe Today

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# VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono 10.00 Graham Dene 1.00pm Jererry Clark 4.00 Nicky Home 7.00 Paul Coyte (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00am Randal Lee Rose

# 6.00am On Air, with Perry Gore. includes Berweld (Piaro Tilo No 4 in C); Saint-Saëns (Guitares et Mandolines); Telemann (Sonata in G minor); Rossini (Overture: The Thleving Megple); Tippett (Concerto for Double String Orchestra) 9.00 Morning Collection, with Catriona Young. Includes Vivaldi (Concerto in C); Baethoven (Cello Sonata in C, Op 102-No 1); Mozart (Piano Sonata in E fiat); Gade (Overture: Echoes from Cossian) 10.00 Musical Encounters, with Mark Rawlinson. Includes Vaughan Williams (Toccata Marziale); Mithaud (Le Boeuf sur le Toit); Biber (Partità No 6); Satie (Trois Morcaaux en Forme de Poira); Prokofiev (Sulte: The Love for Three Oranges);

5.15 in Tune, Bath International Music Festival, live from the Pump Room. The Encilion Quartet and Roger Chase, violin, perform Beethoven (String Quartet in F. minor, Op 95); Dvorak (Waltzes); Paganini (Sonata per le Grand Viola); Bach, arr Kodaly (Chromatic Fantasy)
7.30 Elgan: The Kingdom. Lynn Dawson, soprano; Catherine Wyn-Rogers, mezzo; Stephen Roberts, baritone; Neil Jentichs, tenor, Bach Choir and the London Philharmonic under David Willcocks. Part 1; 8.30 Somewhere Further North. The story of

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9.40 Bruce Chatwin. Introduced by Susannah Clapp and read by Anthony Hyde (4/5)

10.00 Music Restored: Radio 3 Early Music Young Artibus Showcase 1997. In the last concert of this year's event, given at the Royal Acadimey of Music in London, Ensemble Dumont under Peter Bernett performs music for voices and viols by the 17th-cartury French composer Henry Dumont.

10.45 Night Waves. Patrick Marber discusses his new.

the 17th-century French composer Henry Dumont
10.45 Night Waves. Petrick Marber discusses his new
work which is premiered tonight at the National
Theatre in London. Closer explores the
romanticism and brutality of modern love. Plus
Philip Sweeney reports on the changing fortunes.
and style of the national dance company of the
Ciutness, Ballets Africains
11.39 Composer of the Weetic Handel (r)
12.30am Jazz Notes. Camphell Burnep presents the

12.30am Jezz Notes. Campbel Burnap presents the second part of the Clark Tracey Quintet's session at the 1997 EBU Jezz Postival in Helsinki.

1.00 Through the Night. Includes 1.00 Choral Evensong (r) 2.00 hvan Straus, vicilin, Jirina Kolmenova, plano. Martinu (Violin Sonata No.1)

# RADIO 4 5.00 PM, with Charlie Lee-Potter and Nigel Wrench 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather 6.00 Six O'Clock Name.

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing
6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30
Today, Includes Thought for the Day 6.58 Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Face the Facts, with John Walte and
his team of investigators (r)
9.30 On the Ropes. See Choice (3/4)
10.00 News; Travels with My Aunt. Flené Basilico's
dramatisation of the story by Graham Greene.
Starring Dame Hilda Brackett as Aunt Augusta
and Charles Kay as her long-suffering nephew
Henry Pulling (2/5)
10.00 Daily Service (LW) 10.15 On This Day (LW)
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent. News from BBC.
reporters around the world

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12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer news and

12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer news and current affairs with Mark Whittaker
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1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Thursday Afternoon Play: Anande Senanda, by Tanka Gupta. Staming Roshan Seth, Shaheen Khan and Josephine Welcome (r)
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift. Kate Withous meets the Messi warrors in Birmingham to learn above

the Masal warriors in Birmingham to learn about conflict resolution

News 4.05 Kaleldoscope, Paul Afen sees a joint Nigeran/British production at the West Yorkshire Playhouse and also a version of *The Cherry* Orchard from South Africa, directed by Jenet 4.00 News 4.05 Kale

4.45 Short Story: Bees, by Kethy Page. A story about two of London's dispossessed. Read by Burn

6.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Shr O'Clock News.
6.30 The House of The Spirit Levels. The continuation of Nick Revel's cornery. With David Swift and Maggle Steed (5/6)
7.00 News-7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Deacing in Dead Men's Shoes, First of a series of three special World Tanight programmes in which Simon Dring meets the leaders of Bangladesh, Georgia and Eritres. Tomight he talks to the Bangladesh Prime Minister, Sheikh Hashra, about the struggle her country laces in the ever developing world
8.00 Analysis. John Kampiner looks at the pressures on the new Labour Government and examines the difficult policy decisions they lace in order to tufficult policy decisions they lace in order to tufficate compagn promises
8.45 Another Strings Arthur's Seat. See Choice (1/6)
9.00 Dose He Take Sugar? News and current affairs for people with disabilities
9.30 Kaletidoscope () 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Beditime: A Month in the Country, by J. Carr. Read by Samuel West (4/8) (r)
11.00 Double Dribble (FM). A cornedy drams by Martin Glynn. With Rogs Griffiths, Adica Andoh. Colin McFartarie and Eddie Nestor (4/4)
11.00 Today in Partitament (LW). A roundup of the day's events in Westmirester
11.30 Offspring. Another withmiscal-look at family life with John Peel (r)
12.00 News and 12.30sm Thie Late Books The Wife's Taie, by Berbara Mercer. Read in two parts by Joanna Morro.

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# Principia matrimonia: if it moves, chase it

eal philosophers, who pon-der the deep mysteries of from you and me. We might spot a pretty woman in a glossy maga-zine and merely wonder who she might be. But a truly great thinker such as Bertrand Russell could look at the very same photograph and focus his intellect on the more complex conundrum of why he hadn't slept with her yet.

Bertrand Russell: Search For Love (BBC2), the first in a new series of Reputations, left you with the feeling that no woman was in his company for long without him making a pass. This was a man who required sex to be delivered to him like the World Service news: on the hour, every hour. Not that it made him very happy. Solving the riddles of mathematics was Russell's way of escaping a miserable childhood and the chill of human despair. But somehow when it came to sex, he always managed to

make two plus two equal five. He was married four times, like a fussy diner in a restaurant whose enthusiasm for the dish he ordered has wanted by the time the waiter brings it on a plate. So in between these main courses, Russell snacked on dozens of affairs students, mistresses, friends wives, his children's governesses, even his daughter-in-law according to one account. Almost all of

them ended in heartache. "Every family he had," says his granddaughter Felicity, chiselling away at Russell's reputation, it seems every relationship with children and women disintegrated and ended usually with the destruction of their minds. Then he would just walk off and leave the bits." Ouch.

His conquests included Evelyn Whitehead, the wife of his former teacher at Cambridge, and the actress Colette O'Neil. That darling of the Bloomsbury crowd.

Bertrand to Mills & Boon gush: the day after meeting her, he wrote: "I long to be with you in beautiful places, where your own beauty and the beauty you create will be in harmony with other things."

more infamous bedmate was T.S. Eliot's mentally unstable first wife, Vivien. Ray Monk, who is consultant to Denys Blakeway's grimly watchable two-part documentary (the second half goes out next Wednesday), established the length and breadth of Russell's long affair with Mrs Eliot in his recent biography of the philoso-pher. Russell behaved deviously and cruelly throughout this relationship; he once even described his own conduct as "loathsome". Stage plays tend not to spawn sequels (why not Shaw's 'Man II And Superman II? Or 'Still Waiting For Godor by Samuel **REVIEW** 



Joe Joseph

Beckett?), but there seem to be ample grounds for 'Tom and Viv' to be updated with 'Bertie and Viv'. If you unzip your flies this often. and this callously, but do not possess Russell's IQ, nobody tries to explain or understand your sex drive. His 10 was what saved him for a while. The philosopher Roger Scruton says that Russell's work became a bolthole from the turmoil in his underpants: "Knowing

that he could not achieve any stability in his emotional life, he took refuge in the solidity of mathematical structures." We would have less evidence against Russell had he not been

such a prolific writer: 70 books, 2,000 articles and so many letters that he deserved his own service. Many of the 4,000 letters he wrote were to various lovers, recounting all the hanky-panky he was up to with other mistresses.

This documentary pretty much ignores Russell's philosophy in favour of his sex life. Oliver James, a psychologist, followed a similar path when he quizzed Paul Mc-Kenna in The Chair (BBC2). But we ended up somewhere different. "When did you have your first sexual experience?" he asked. "About 18," replied Britain's most hypnotist. Really? famous snapped James, incredulously.

Reputations managed to poke around for an hour in Bertrand

Russell's sex life — often in places you wouldn't care to poke without washing your hands afterwards without emitting any whift of prurience. But just 20 minutes worth of James chatting to McKenna was like eavesdropping on a dull bike-shed conversation about McKenna's schoolboy days. "Did you get off with girls when you were 16? James asked, like a sweaty 13-year-old. Is James offscreen because he is too embar-rassed to show his face?

n BBCI Firefighters, the first of a six-part series shadowing two Liverpool fire crews, got off to a fast start. Too fast: the driver of the Red Watch engine crashed en route to a blaze. White Watch, meanwhile, was tackling a fire at the Mayflower Chinese restaurant.

Just when the crew thought the fire had been doused, an upper floor of the Mayflower burst into

flames. That is the trouble with out one fire and half an hour later you have to put out another. It is tents of a room get so hot that they spontaneously combust. Sounds like Bertrand Russell. After the fire, you have to play Sherlock Holmes to work out how it started. At the Mayflower it was an electrical fault in a hand-dryer in the men's lavatory. It makes you wonder whether life as a firefighter might have suited Russell: it offers both emotional excitement and a chance to test your analytical powers.

Philosophy and firefighting have a lot in common. You can imagine Socrates saying "the un-examined fire is not worth extinguishing". Although having seen the Mayllower burn, we now know that Heraclitus was wrong when he said "you can't put out the same fire twice".

#### BBC1

- 6.00am Business Breakfast (34078) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (39436) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (1) (3566900) 9.20 Style Challenge (6017417)
- 9.45 Kilroy (7362165) 10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (74436) - 11.00 News (T) regional news and weather
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- 11.35 Real Rooms (6945964) 12.00 News (T) regional news and weather (8733981
- 12.05pm Call My Bluff (8551287) 12.35 Mary Berry at Home (9992287) 1.00 News (T) and weather (32523)
- . 1.30 Regional News and weather (86156900) 1.40 The Weather Show (99405287) :: 1.45 Neighbours (T) (40325829):
- 2.10 Quincy with Jack Klugman (6084691) 2.55 Through the Keyhole (6750184)
- 3.20 Closet Secrets (6894455) 3.30 Playdays (t) (8613455) 3.50 Postman Pat (6134349) 4.05 Felix: the Cat (7063981) 4.20 Julia Jekyll and Harriet Hyde (7051146) 4.35 Return to Jupiter (T)
- 5.00 Newsround (T) (4056287)
- 5.10 No Sweat (T) (6752813) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (903962) 6.00 News (T) and weather (813) 6.30 Regional News Magazine (165) . 7.00 Watchdog Healthcheck Alice Beer puts
- more medical matters under the microscope, with reports from John Nicolson and Angela Rippori (T) (7639) 7.30 EastEnders Lorraine comes to a painful decision about her tuture in Albert Square; Tony hides the truth about his budding romance from Simon (T) (349) 8.00 Animal Hospital Rolf Harris bids farewell
- to the popular patients at the Hampden Veterinary Practice (T) (9287) 8.30 Keeping Mum Peggy sets out to prove to Andrew that she's not really a nuisance. With Stephanie Cole, Martin Ball and David Haig (T) (5894)
- , 9.00 News (1) regional news and weather
- 9.30 999 The stories of the amateur pilots lost in cloud when their plane ran out of fuel at 30 000 ft a woman who saved herself from choking and the one-year-old facing death unless a heart could be found
- within three days (T) (885252) 10.20 The Lying Game Angus Deayton pays tribute to workers who fib in the line of
- outy (1) (584271) 5 Question Time David Dimbleby chairs tonight's programme from Manchester (4243436)
- 12.00 Making the Case for Murder: The Howard Beach Story (1989) The true story of a brutal attack on three black men by a geng of white youths in the New York Tension mounts when the police seem to be wholly uninterested in the incident. With Daniel J. Travanti and Joe Morton. Directed by Dick Lowry (27363) 1.30am Weather (3616382)
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#### BBC2

- 6.00am Open University: Nerves (8832455) 6.25 Insect Hormones (8811962) 6.50 Regulation and Control (8302875) 7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (3294165)
- 7.30 Fireman Sam (4223177) 7.40 Eek! the Cat (3739542) 7.45 Thunderlizards (3738813) 7.50 Buried Treasure (1516252) 8.10 Teenage Turtles (8346165) 8.35 Blue Peter (3607349) 9.00 The Raccoons (76894) 9.30 Sweet Valley High (5825504) 9.55 Poddington Peas (3423417) 10.00 Teletubbies (17726) 10.30 The Adventures of Skippy
- (72078) 11.00 Madhur Jaffrey's Flavour of India (36349) 12.00 Making Tracks (69556) 12.30pm Working Lunch (16900) 1.00 Fireman Sam (13827748) 1.10 Cartoon
- 1.25 The Girl Most Likely (1958) Musical Cornedy with Jane Powell, Citif Robertson and Tommy Noonan (5616702) and Tommy Noonan (5616702)
- 3.00 News (6881981) 3.05 Making Bables (8475962) 3.55 News 4.00 Blockbusters (5954504) 4.25 Ready, Steedy, Cook (5957691) 4.55 Esther (1852417) 5.30 Today's the Day (542)
- 6.00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine Ouark heads for Earth to enrol Nog in Starfleet Academy, but their reception at Roswell, New Mexico in July 1947 is destined to become a close encounter of the worst kind (T) (771097)
- 6.45 Space Precinct (r) (T) (919959) 7.30 East Report on racial tension in Manningham, Bradford (T) (691) 8.00 Out and About (7829) WALES: 8.00



Country girl Lindsay Cannon (8.30)

- Tracks The team reveals the location of a tropical lagoon in deepest Derbyshire, while Ray Mears investigates roots (3436)
- 9.00 Absolutely Fabulous Edina soaks away
- 9.30 This Life Miles hears disturbing news about his father (T) (308788) 10.10 A Woman Catled Smith A fun-loving temale Lancashire village priest, who owns a dog called Dibley (T) (263078)
- 10.28 Tales from the Net (157558) 10,30 Newsnight (T) (258504)
- 11.15 Ruby with Dr Jonathan Miller, author Dame Muriel Sperk and comedian Jeremy Handy. Plus an interview with novelist Janice Galloway (509900) 11,55 The Phil Silvers Show (r) (1) (353879)
- 12.25am Holiday Weather (9123479) 12.30 Learning Zone: O.U.: Desertification: a Threat to Peace? (44721) 1.00 A Level Playing Field? (41295) 1.30 British Car Transplants (80672) 2.00 FETV: Newsfile II (34653) 4.00 Languages: Speaking Out Language (94295) 5.00 Business and Work The Small Business Programme

#### HΤV

- 6.00am GMTV (4299558) 9.25 Supermarket Sweep (r) (T) (6025436) 9.55 Regional News (T) (3443271) 10.00 The Time, the Place (91392) 10.30 This Morning (T) (62362542) 12.20pm Regional News (T) (8739165)
- 12.55 Wish You Were Here (1) (9890875) 1.25 Home and Away (1) (70971981) 1.50 Afternoon Live (40228962)

12.30 ITN News (T) (9815184)

- 2.20 Vanessa: Child Stars (40416233) 2.50 Afternoon Live (2135813) 3.20 News (T) (6898271)
- 3.25 Regional News (T) (6897542) 3.30 The Riddlers (r) (6221829) 3.40 Wizadora (r) (7779436) 3.50 Rupert (5965610) 4.15 Transylvania Pet Shop (r)
- (4571691) 4.40 Sweat (1716707) 5.10 A Country Practice (r) (T) (7478097) 5.40 ITN News (T) (186368)
- **6.00 Home and Away** Jesse wonders if he made the right choice between Selina and Chice (r) (694165) 6.25 HTV Weather (933691)
- 6.30 The West Tonight (233) 7.00 Emmerdate Charlie gets Mandy into trouble with a shop security guard (1)
- 7.30 3D Jackie and Peter O'Curry attempt to adopt their Romanian daughter's two sisters, abandoned in a children's home. They go to Romania once more to try to reunite the three children (T) (417)
- 8.00 The Bitt A teenage girl with a broken nose claims she was assaulted by her tormer boytriend, but Keane and Quinnan discover her injuries go deeper (T) (1455) 8.30 My Wonderful Life Donna becomes a guinea pig in a pilot hospital scheme in order to pay for a new washing machine



Pertwee and Williams (9.00pm)

- 9.00 Bodyguards When a defector returns to London, Shaw and Worrell have to act as bodyguards and jailers. But when their charge goes missing, they suspect they have been set up (T) (8233)
- 10.00 News at Ten (1) (84813) 10.30 Regional News (T) (665900) 10.40 The West This Week (304423) 11.30 Frieze Frame (513368) 11.45 Highlander (107691)
- 12.35am in Bed with MeDinner (3748011) 1.10 Funny Business (9240585) 1.40 Cyber Cafe (3945653)
- 2.10 Late and Loud (2554092) 3.10 3-D (49892160) 3.35 The Good Sex Guide Late (7305479) 4.30 The Time, the Place (59214) 5.00 Grass Roots (73978)

5.30-6.00 ITN Morning News (T) (95943)

As HTV West except: 12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (9890875) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (7478097) 6.25 Central News (602184)

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- 6.55-7.00 Lifeline (735271) 10.40 Pulling Power (183455)
- 11.10 Millionaires (656423) 11.40 Hunter (682707)
- 12.40am Funny Business (9134585) 1.10 Ed's Night Party (9240585)
- 1.40 Club Nation (6678092) 2.40 Access All Areas (8342127)
- 3.05 Late and Loud (1399721) 4.00 Central Jobfinder '97 (2909473)
- 5.20 Asian Eve (8542479)

#### WESTCOUNTRY

- As HTV West except: 12.20pm-12.30 Illumina 12.55 Home and Away (8639320) 1.20-1.50 World of Wonder (22717436)
- 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (7478097) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (95417)
- 10.30 Westcountry News (656252) 10.45 Special Report (679962)
- 11.15 Roadrunner (676875) 11.45 New York News (107691)

# MERIDIAN

- As HTV West except: 12.55-1.25 Shortland Street (9890875) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (7478097) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (981)
- 6.29 Pollen Count (933691) 6.30-7.00 Grass Roots (233) 10.29 Pollen Count (198964)
- 10.40 Film: National Lampoon's Anima House (87918392) 5.00am Freescreen (73978)

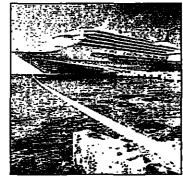
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- 12.19pm Anglia Air Watch (8741900) 12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (9890875) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (7478097) 6.23 Anglia Weather (934320) 6.25 Anglia News (602184)
- 6.55-7.00 What's On (735271) 10.29 Anglia Air Watch (198964) 10.40 The Road Show (183455)
- 11.10 Go Fishing (656423) 11.40 Hunter (966271)

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Starts: 6.00am Sesame Street (27788) 7.00 The Bigger Breakfast (22148) 9.00 Bewitched (9269436) 9.35 Sister, Sister (5830436) 10.05 Hangin' with Mr Cooper (3427233) 10.30 Crystal Maze (3418252) 11.35 Pink Panther (1116252) 12.05pm California Dreams (5564271) 12.30 Ricki Lake (18368) 1.00 Stot Melthrin (26202676) 1.15 Derl Deg (16077261) 1.30 Collectors' Lot (17639) 2.00 Eisteddfod Yr Urdd Islwyn 97 (587320) 4.30 Fifteen-to-One (558) 5.00 5 Pump (3813) 5.30 Countdown (610) 6.00 Newyddion (679981) 6.05 Heno (605271) 6.35 Sion a Sian (940981) 7.00 Pobol y Cwm (357542) 7.25 Elsteddfod Yr Urdd ishwyn 97 (3987639) 8.30 Newyddion (8504) 9.00 Melissa (2076207) 10.05 Dispatches (114981) 12.30am The

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- (3418252) and 11.35 The Pink Panther 12.00 California Dreams (r) (81726) 12.30pm Light Lunch (65639) 1.30 Caluor
- Animation (99329813) 1.35 Passage Home (1955, b/w) staming Diane Cilento, Peter Finch and Anthony Steel Shipboard drama about a woman passenger saved by the tirst mate from Roy Ward Baker directs (55149894)
- 3.30 Collectors' Lot (T) (639) 4.00 Fitteen-to-One (T) (146) 4.30 Countdown (T) (1719894) 4.55 Ricki Lake (T) (1870813) 5.30 Animal Passions, presented by John
- 6.00 Springhill (T) (523) 6.30 Hollyoaks (T) (875)
- 7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (782523) 7.50 Best of Brass More from the All England
- Masters Brass Band Championship (845417)
- 8.00 Health Alert Can private fospitals always cope when things go wrong? (T) (9097)



The Carnival Destiny (8.30pm)

- 8.30 All at Sea A below-decks look at the maiden voyage of the Carnival Destroy, the largest cruise ship ever built (1/4) (T) (8504)
- 9.00 Dispatches Another look at the death of WPC Yvonne Fletcher, shot while on duty outside the Libyan Embassy in London
- 9.45 Short and Curlies: Hello, Hello, Hello A policeman catches a woman searching through the contents of a skip. Written by David Thewlis and starring Robert Pugh and the Cannes award-winner Kathy Burke (T)
- 10.00 Father Ted Problems for Ted when a film banned by the Pope is screened on Craggy Island (r) (T) (564417)
- 10.35 Northern Exposure Officeat cornedv series set in Alaska. Walt tries working for Ruth-Anne and ends up moving in (T) (741639)11.30 The Hustler (1961). Classic poolroom
- drama starring Paul Newman and Jackie Gleason, A young hustler arrives in New York to set up a game with the champion Minnesota Fats. Directed by Robert Rossen (T) (148469) 2.00 am The Death of Childhood (r) (T)
- 3.00 Memento Joan Bakewell in conversation with Sr David Attenborough (r) (56127) 3.30 Schools (r) (T) (134837) 5.25 - 6.00 Backdate (r) (T) (6071924)

# BANKELS ...

- CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE Channel 5 is now broadcasting on transponder No 63 on the Astra Satellite. Viewers with a Videocrypt decoder will be able to receive the channel free of charge. Frequencies for transponder No 63 are picture: 10.92075 GHz, sound: 7.02 and 7.20 MHz
- **6.00am 5 News Early** (8302287) **7.30** Havakazoo (5084707) **8.00**
- Adventures of the Bush Patrol (8007829) 8.30 WideWorld Reviewing the effects computers and video games have on children's lives (8926900)
- 9.00 Espresso (2964252) 10.00 Exclusive (r) (7541165) 10.30 The Great Garden Game (r) (8913436) 11.00 Leeza (9680436) 11.50 Double Espresso (34981726)
- 12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (8904788) **12.30pm** Family Aftairs (r) (4016707) **1.00** 5 News Update (49332726) **1.05** Sunset Beach (T) (3093349) 2.00 5's Company (7515078)
- 3.30 Between Two Brothers (1982) with Michael Brandon. Pat Harrington and Helen Shaver. Drama tollowing the very different lives of two brothers. Directed by Robert M. Lewis (3855320) 5.20 5's Company (35870349)
- 5.30 100 Per Cent (9859829) 6.00 Whittle (T) (9776542)
- 6.30 Family Affairs Duncan receives a job offer and Melanie confronts Susie about the stolen clothes (T) (9767894). 7.00 Exclusive Showbiz news (7566225)
- 7.30 Flights of Fancy: Halcyon Bird Documentary about the kinglisher, of which there are more than 80 known
- 8.00 Nancy Lam The oriental chef is joined by Spice Girl Mel B (T) (1261833)
- 8.30 5 News (3267418)

A clerical Clint Eastwood (9.00pm)

- 9.00 Thunderbolt and Lightfoot (1974) Crime caper with Clint Eastwood, Jeff Bridges and George Kennedy A young drifter teams up with a thiel, little knowing that his companion is being pursued by a gang who believe he has run off with the loot from a robbery. Directed by Michael Cimuno (1674829)
- 11.00 The Jack Docherty Show (5339504) 11.40 Bring Me the Head of Light Entertainment Joining regulars Lee Hurst and Fred Macaulay lonight are Rhona Cameron and Martin Coyole (5740813)
- 12.10 am Live and Dangerous Featuring soccer action from the US Major League Latin American leagues (85479671) 4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (4671905) 5.30 100 Per Cent (2929189)

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- Data Morning Glory (297374) 9.00 Regis and Kalhe Lee (38879) 10.00 Another World (89455) 11.00 Days of Our Lives (6969) 12.00 Oprah Windrey (59639) 1.00pm Gerado (31287) 2.00 Selly Jessy 1.00pm Gerado (31297) 2.00 Saby Jessy Ruphael (38287) 2.00 Jerny Jones (5838) 4.00 Cyclah Wiyley (4720) 5.00 Star Treich 1,00 Cyclah Wiyley (4720) 5.00 Star Treich 1,00 Geradon (4784) 6.00 Real TV (7146) 6.30 Marred — with Children (1725) 7.00 Its Simpsons 58137 7.30 Mr 4°5°H (3310) 8.00 The Hamy (1829) 9.00 Serricel 143504 9.30 Med About You (50368) 10.00 Chicago Hope (8522) 11.00 Star Tief (1821 Geradon (1834) 12.00 America's Dumbesi Caminas (30030) 12.30 mm LAPD (91563) 1.00 Hz Max (9534301)
- 7,00pm Superboy (3716294) 7,30 Superboy (3503436) 8,00 Suders (7736894) 9,00 Highlander (7828568) 10.00 Tek War (7735417) 11.00 Late Show with Lettermen SKY NEWS
- SKY MOVIES 6.00sm The Miracle Worter (1962) (29165) 8.00 Downhill Racer (1969) (56639) 10.00 The Little Raceris (1994) (23146) 11.30 The Tustagee Airmen (1995) 115542) 1.30pm A Feast at Mid-(1995) (1552): 1.30pm A. Feast at Mid-night (1994) (2975) 3.30 Little Shaphard of Kingdom Come (1981) (7627) 5.30 The Little Rascals (1999) (7728) 7.00 Hercules and the Circle of Fire (1994) (4628) 9.00 Necules is the Undersorld (1994) (4229) 10.30 Fegitive from Justice: Undersord Father (1995) (2500368) 12.05pm Cool and the Crasy Hoots (179427) as a The Discontinuous (1993) 1771672; 1.35 The Babyetter's Secucion (1996) 5281585 3.05 The Unspoken Truth (1995) (4866301) 4.35 The Miracle Worker (1962) (53015672)
- THE MOVIE CHANNEL

- (1986) (93907271) 9.40 The Seventh Victim (1943) (3972243) 10.55 Youth Rums Wild (1944) (4931783) 12.00 My Glri II (1944) (37504) 2.00pm That's Entertainment 3 (1994) (79117) 4.00 Jenn: The Movic (1986) (2418) 6.00 Semi-Precious (1985) (30914894) 7.40 US Top 10 (588962) 8.00 The Next (1995) (7185243) 9.55 The Movic Show (75610) 10.25 80yo on the Side (1995) (93455) 12.25am Emmanuelle II (1975) (234108) 2.00 She Stood Allone: The Tellhook Scandel (1995) (33837) 3.35 Wishman (1995) (6239799) 5.06 Black Tulp (1988) (1632721)
- SKY MOVIES GOLD 8.00pm A Day at the Races (1937) (7278417) 8.00pm Barbarelia (1967) (2447233) 10.00 Heriam Nights (1969) (4548076) 12.00 Body Double (1964) (3418634) 1.55em Cherry, Herry and Raquel (1969) (95473301) 3.15-5.30 Ser-geant Yark (1941) (15118382)
- 9.00pm The Last Elephant (1990) (37967894) 11.00 The Outlit (1973) (50437539) 12.45am White Heat (1949) (26781059) 2.45-6.00 Boom Town (1940)
- SKY SPORTS 1

  7.00mm Sports Centre (19610) 7.30 Winsding (17356) 8.30 Racing News (39600) 8.00 Full Throttle (20052) 9.30 Aerobics Oz Siyle (86542) 10.00 European Golf Magazine (79504) 10.30 Line Golf Deutsche Bank Open (82658) 12.30pm World of Super (43904 (86257) 2.00 The Paulion End (70233) 3.00 Line Golf Deutsche Bank Open (82333) 3.00 Wiesding (2558) 6.00 Sports Centre (8320) 6.30 Powerboot and Astal World (9900) 7.00 Fermula Three Racing (29456) 8.00 Line Baong (3200) 10.00 Sports Centre (18417) 10.30 World Wide Rugby (492711 12.30mm Sports Centre (39837) 1.00 Boding (12818) 3.00-3.30 Sports Centre (82185)

SKY SPORTS 2

- 8.00pm Trans World Sport (1291329) 9.00 Spanish Football (1291707) 11.00 Bobby Charlton's Football Scrapbook (4350184) 12.30am-1.00 Golden Moments of Olynt-
- SKY SPORTS 3 12.00 Skill Saling (15604417) 12.30pm

- Insde the PGA Tour (955)10523) 1.00 Futbol Mundal (79)136829) 1.30 Full Throttle (955)16894 2.00 Ausse Rules (37998900) 4.00 World of Super League (77089078) 8.30 Sluff Saling (23)144523) 6.00 British Professional Golf Tour (95528542) 7.00 Golf Deutsche Bank Open (79044894) 9.00 Live Golf: The Memortal (37989252) 17.00-11.30 Snowboard Show (69)160184)
- EUROSPORT 7.30am Ternis: ATP Tour Review (23813) 8.00 Wresting (60504) 9.00 Swimming. Mare Nostrum (37691) 10.00 Ternis: French Open — Lue (8495981) 7.00pan Alheides: Saville Grand Pitx Meeting — Live (82813) 8.30 Footbell Todon Unider 21 Cup (81405) 10.00 Ternis: French Open Rendez-Vous (13875) 11.00 Saling (84829) 11.30 Cympic Games Magazine (83184) 12.00-12.30em Merathon (63382) LIK GOLD
- 7.00mm Record Breakers (8614981) 7.35 Noighbours (601504) 8.00 Crossroads (8725417) 8.25 EastEnders (4293542) 9.00 The Bill (7802349) 9.30 You're Only Young Twice (4832981) 10.00 Duty Free (4789252) The Bil (781249) 9.39 You're Cuty Young Twice (4789252) 10.20 The Suthwars (7891233) 11.00 Casualty (32175833) 12.05pm Crossroads (8553097) 12.30 Neighbours (4843097) 1.00 EastEnders (8573829) 1.35 No Place Like Home (8258542) 2.10 A Liftle Bit of Emery (94661542) 2.20 Three Up. Two Down (8371185) 2.55 Spming and Austrin (551859) 3.30 The Bit (3735788) 4.00 Bon (3312287) 8.00 Generation Game (83661436) 6.05 EastEnders (7927374) 8.40 Syles (531388) 7.20 Russ Abbot (5516078) 7.50 Rusing Damp (7052725) 8.20 H-b-Hi (638629) 9.00 The Bit (3336271) 9.30 Chercer (47507961) 10.35 Bottom (5160879) 11.15 The Young Ones (9419165) 12.00 Gold Govs Pop (577927) 1.35 Marm Vice (8785569) 2.30 Shopping GRANADA PLUS co (4832981) 10:00 Duty Free (478 GRANADA PLUS

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THE DISNEY CHANNEL

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- 7.30 FiLM: Son of the Pink Panther (97417) 9.00 Dave's World (27558) 9.30-10.00 Golden Girls (80146)
- 8.00em Three Little Ghosts (9875185) 8.30 Impector Gadger (9187271) 7.00 Pizza Cats (4659233) 7.30 Eagle Riders (4678389) 8.00 Hero Turiles (2836875) 8.30 2859726) 9.30 Masked Ric
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- 6.00am Sprou (75829) 6.30 trnogoud (83320) 7.00 Where's Welly? (21078) 7.30 An Arack (33813) 8.00 Dennis the Menace (76456) 8.30 Beamen (75726) 9.00

- Battletech (66078) 9.30 Skeleton Warmors (73928) 10.00 Creepy Crawlers (60900) 19.30 Cadiflacs and Dinosaurs (5982) 11.00 Sonic the Hedgehog (47968) 11.30 Resh Gordon (48097) 12.00 Sturt Dawys (75542) 12.30pm Battletech (73654) 1.00 (75642) 13.00pm Battletech (73654) 1.00 Skeleton Warriors (20349) 1.30 Creepy Crowlers (23405) 2.00 Cadillacs and Dinosaurs (\$287) 2.30 Sonic the Hedgehog (7707) 3.00 Flash Gordon (1884) 3.30 Ari Atlack (2252) 4.00 Dennis the Menace (4267) 4.30-6.00 Barman (4441) **CARTOON NETWORK**
- Non-stop cartoons from 5.00eta to 9.00pta. Includes Tom and Jerry, Popeye and The FirstSones NICKELODEON
- 8.00am Hero Turties (31417) 8.30 Hero Turties (96894) 7.00 Bruno the Kid (17,252) 7.30 Bruno the Kid (17,252) 7.30 Bruno the Kid (10977) 8.00 Hey Amold' (38271) 8.30 Hey Amold' (37542) 8.00 Fugasts (28894) 8.30 Rugats (64184) 10.00 Doug (771-6) 10.30 Doug (24078) 11.00 Aashhif Real Monsters (92894) 11.30 Aashhif Real Monsters (92894) 11.30 Aashhif Real Monsters (92893) 12.00 Rocko (11558) 12.30pm Rocko (68900) 1.00 Sater (16523) 1.30 Sister (67271) 2.00 Moesha (7813) 2.30 Moesha (7873) 2.30 Moesha (2839) 3.00 Kenan and Kel (6320) 3.30 kenan and Kel (4078) 4.00 Fugrats (6813) 4.30 Fugrats (2097) 5.00 Sister Seter (8165) 5.30 Sister Sister (3349) 6.00 Sabrina (3982) 6.30-7.00
- 12.00 Hearthreak High (4840900) 1.00pm Madison (8623184) 1.30 Sweet Valley High (4837436) 2.00 Hangtone (4138707) 2.30 Celifoma Dreams (3758599) 3.00 Byker Grove (4140542) 3.30 9-2-6 (3753184) 4.00 Sweet Valley High (372869) 4.30 Hengtone (3738975) 5.00 Saved by the Bel (425597) 5.30 Celiforma Dreams (3759455) 6.00 Bykor Grove (3759368) 6.30 Madison (3733320) 7.00-8.00 Hearthreak High (8920271) preak High (8920271)

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- PARAMOUNT COMEDY 7.00ptn Roseanne (1823) 7.30 Roseanne (3726) 8.00 Entertermant UK (4349) 8.30 Almost Pertect (6184) 9.00 Cheers (8558) 9.30 Cybal (55436) 10.00 Fresse (12237) 10.30 Monly Python's Flying Caras (25707) 11.00 We Know Where You Live (84875) 11.30 Nightstand (14900) 12.30cm Sledgetnarmier (37479) 1.00 Cheers (93295) 1.30 Cybal (32672) 2.00 Entertainment UK (78056) 2.30 We Know Where You
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    - HOME & LEISURE 9.00mm The Joy of Pariting (769/9891) 9.30 Garden Calendar (4830523) 10.00 Screaming Reeks (4787694) 10.30 Doing if Up (7699875) 11.00 Painted House (322339) 11.30 This Old House (3224078) 12.00 Yan Can Cook (7613455) 12.30pm (3rhaim kerr (4841639) 1.00 Today's Gournet (8709559) 1.30 Home Again (4833610) 2.00 Homedine (4134981) 2.30 Furniture on the Mend (3754813) 3.00 Our House (4120789) 3.30-4.00 This Old House (3839558)

DISCOVERY

- A.00ptn The Ediremsts (3745165) 4.30 Top Marquos II (3741349) 5.00 Time Travellers (415523) 5.30 Justice Files (3838859) 8.00 Australa Wild (3755542) 8.30 Australia Wild (3746864) 7.00 Beyond 2000 (4145097) 7.30 Disaster (3742078) 8.00 Danger Zone (8919165) 9.00 Top Marques (3236813) 9.30 Born to Be Bad? (4821875) 10.00 Justice Files (8000788) 11.00 The Portiche Story (8613707) 12.00 TSR 2 (8174856) 1.00 Desister (2455194) 1.30-2.00 Beyond 2000 (2000740) THE HISTORY CHANNET
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# Lions flattered by late surge

British Isles XV ....

FROM DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT IN EAST LONDON

SO MUCH for preconcep tions. Border, the self-styled "heart of the Sunshine Coast", produced sweeping rain, a defeat for the British Isles by one of the weakest combinations that they will meet on their tour of South Africa. The Lions, breathing hard, looked a woebegone team compared with that which began the tour so well on Saturday.

They might have hoped to be more at home on a playing surface that oozed water with every footprint, but Border. summoning up memories of a famous day in 1955 when they beat Robin Thompson's Lions

eight of that team paraded at the interval - dominated possession and, with only seven minutes remaining, led by four points. That the Lions then scored eight points to claw back the advantage owed more to superior fitness and a dogged courage than any

Indeed, the entire 80 minutes was not so much a of mistakes and misjudgment, emphasised by the loss with a damaged ankle of Scott Gibbs

early in the second half. Gibbs leaves for Cape Town this morning, in advance of the main party, for expert assessment of his damaged ankle ligaments, the positive outcome of his injury being the introduction to the side of Alan Tait, who has been a



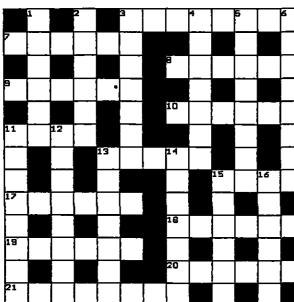
Bentley, who opened the scoring for the Lions with a try inside three minutes, skips a tackle in the mud of East London vesterday

Newcastle centre, last week. but he made an immediate impact on a back division that, with the exception of the first

few minutes, had lost its way. That this was so was due, in no small way, to the refereeing interpretation of second-phase

eleventh in South Africa.

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ball: the most telling statistic of the match was the 21 scrums awarded to Border compared with a mere ten to the Lions. Had Doddie Weir and Jeremy Davidson not played so well at the lineout to compensate, the Lions might well have gone down to the province ranked

Ian Snook, the New Zealander who coaches Border, was frank in his assessment of the Lions. "I thought they would create a lot of difficulty for us up front and have far greater control in the for-

wards," he said. Instead, Wainwright's pack slipped and slithered and their tackling could not force the turnovers from which the back division, despite Paul Grayson's uncertain form, might have benefited. Grayson has not played for

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durate on occasions but, as

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three months, so he might have been forgiven his display in the most difficult of conditions. Yet his failure to convert five kicks at goal will prey on his mind, for he could have created a valuable breathing space after John Bentley gave the Lions the best of starts by

scoring within three minutes. There was, though, a singular lack of continuity and an inability to control the muddy ballthat gave Border — notably Delarey du Preez, the tight-head prop, and John Bradbrook, the New Zealandborn scrum half - the chance

The best of the Lions was seen in the creation of Bentley's try, Underwood accepting Grayson's chip and a swift ruck giving Stimpson the chance to feed his wing. Stimpson, full of running,

looked the most potent threat and will prosper more when he can keep his feet - the surface was so slippery that he keeled over at his first attempt

However, Greg Miller suffered no such problem. His first penalty goal gave Border just the encouragement they needed and their defence held up well. The Lions may have dominated in territorial terms, but they conceded the ball far

too frequently for comfort.

Miller might have given Border the lead with a second penalty goal, but Border found little penetration in midfield and Bateman, hacking through, caught Bennett in his own 22 to establish the scrum from which the Lions scored their second try. Eric Miller picked up the swiftest of heels and, though he was

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held on the line, Regan, erupting through the meles, scored Relief lasted no more than

three minutes. Grayson scooped up a loose ball in his own 22, but his pass tell to Hechter, who sent Claasen scooting clear for the try that gave the Lions the most tenuous of interval leads at 10-8.

Within three minutes, even that comfort was snatched from them as Miller kicked his second penalty goal and Gibbs departed on a stretcher, at the same time as Molotana. his opposite number.

The introduction of Daw son, as well as Tait, helped to bolster confidence, even though Miller raised local enthusiasm with his third goal. The Lions reverted to basics and from Weir's lineout catch ten metres out, Wainwright was forced over for a try, even though the Border defence believed that they had held him up. Stimpson's late penalty goal only embellished a margir that deserved to be no wider. SCORERS: Border: Try; Classer. Penalty goels: Miller (3). British lales XV: Tries: Bentley. Regan, Walnwright. Penalty goel; Stimpson.

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BRITISH ISLES XV: T Stimpson (Newcastle and England); J Bentley

# Davidson and Wainwright, kneeling, in support as Regan scores the Lions' second try

Athletics gets set for new start In the light of a future ban on handguns, football referees, are rarely David Powell looks at attempts to noticed until controversy

replace the sport's traditional pistol

consent" lost favour. Now, though, the traditional start-Take the starter who, having gone through the 1932 Olympic Games without haver's pistol is facing extinction in Great Britain. A ban on all handguns by the end of the ing to recall a false start, shed year appears likely in the a tear when the women's sprint hurdles blemished his wake of Dunblane. perfect record at the 1936 While it remains unclear

whether starters may be allowed exemption, Richard Float, the British Athletic Federation's (BAF) appointed expert, believes that, from a moral and practical viewpoint, the sport must in any case prepare itself for abandoning carrridge guns. "Public opinion is against firearms and, as handguns disappear. there are going to be all sorts of problems in obtaining cartridges and spares," Float

The BAF has asked Seiko to develop an electronic gun with flash (for manual timing). which would meet the needs of the sport. "If we are going to

lose guns, it is urgent that we get a satisfactory alternative," Float said. "There is not a satisfactory alternative anywhere in the world that anybody I have spoken to knows

Seiko, the supplier of timing equipment for the world championships in Athens this summer, expects to have two alternatives developed through HS Sports Ltd (HSSL) on offer by next winter a simple portable electronic gun and amplifier, which would serve small athletics meetings, and a more sophisticated system, which is a miniversion of their world championships equipment.

"It is hard to make a gun sound electronically," Susan Boobyer, of Seiko, said. "It is a short sound, without too much fuzziness around the edges. Our first attempt, at the 1995 world championships

Gothenburg, was not received particularly well but, by Athens, we will have an impoved gun sound.

The full Seiko system includes starting, reaction, pho-to-finish and clocks on the field that have unofficial times. What HSSL and BAF want is a little stand-alone thing that can have other systems added on."

That will come with one lightweight loudspeaker for easy movement between, say, the start of the 100 and 200 metres. The more sophisticated system, which Boobyer expects to cost less than £1,000, will have loudspeakers for each lane, ensuring that the athletes farthest from and closest to the starter hear the gun at the same time.

"It is more difficult to make smaller version with the same power," Boobyer said. A "stand-alone" version developed earlier by Seiko is too costly and of unnacceptable sound quality. However, by next season the technology should be ready. The starters have been called to their

# Ince ready to play key role against Poles

England coach, talks about Paul Ince, the Internazionale midfield player, it is easy to detect a tone of reverence in his voice. It is simple to explain: Ince is the focal point of the England team — the energy, the enforcer - and Hoddle dares not contemplate having to select a side without

It was, thus, a relaxed Hoddle, at England's trainingcamp at Bisham Abbey. Marlow, yesterday, who an-nounced that Ince should be fit for the group two World Cup qualifying match against Poland in Katowice on Saturday. Had the news been less favourable, his mood would surely have cast a dark shadow on an otherwise calm. cloudless day beside the

Although Ince had travelled from Italy with a knee injury. the prognosis was good. "Paul did not train yesterday, but I'm hoping he'll be able to take part in some of the training session today." Hoddle said We'll be trying to get him through the session after he has some more treatment in the morning.

"He had an X-ray to check things out and thankfully are no complications. He's just taken a nasty kick on the back of the knee. I've spoken to him about the game, he's confident about it and already talking about plavine.

Ince's inclusion is vital in Katowice, where the atmosphere is likely to be heavy with hostility. David Batty, of Newcastle United, may provide the out-and-out combative qualities that will be so important; Paul Gascoigne, of Rangers, will flit here and there and attempt to dredge up moments of inspiration from

days gone by.
Yet it is from Ince that Hoddle will expect a combina-tion of both — aggression allied to artistry - and perhaps more. Graham Taylor. the former manager, might have once labelled Ince as one of his "headless chickens" when England scrambled a 1-1 draw in Poland four years ago, but Hoddle sees only a wise, mature performer.

That Ince, 29, is likely to accept a two-year extension to his contract with Inter, having already spent two seasons in Milan, should benefit him further. "Playing in Italy has

WHEN Glenn Hoddle, the almost certainly added something to Paul's game, Hoddle said. He was a very good player when he left Manchester United: he's an even better

player now.
"He has met the challeng on and off the pitch, and dealt with them. He has coped and come through a more accomplished player. He's still got the tenacity to win the ball, but he's got a calmer head on his shoulders. He's still a winner, he always wants to win, but he is more aggressive within himself rather than with

opponents."
Hoddle believes that the only chink in Ince's armoury is his lack of goals. He has scored only twice in 29 international appearances. "He gets in good positions and he makes things happen around him. Hoddle said. "He makes goals and he wins penalties. If he can perhaps become a better finisher, then you'd have an even more complete

Gascoigne's role, feeding off and creating from the posses-sion earned by Ince and Batty. is similarly crucial. The first

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stage of his international rehabilitation, in the 2-l victory against South Africa at Old Trafford on Saturday. went relatively smoothly until he was injured by a clattering late tackle in the final minute of the game.

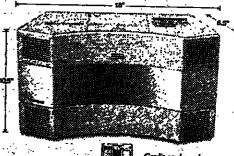
Again, though, Hoddle of-fered good news. Gascoigne, 30 on Tuesday, was recovering swiftly from a bruised calf muscle. "It has settled down nicely and he'll be training at 100 per cent today," Hoddle said. Twe no real need to bring anyone else into the

Bisham Abbey offers a stark Hoddle made the most of it before the England party's scheduled departure today. He smiled a lot and joked often, even teasing his inquisi-tors when initially asked about Ince's health, "It's not good," he said. "He fell down the stairs celebrating Gascoigne's birthday."

Were it true, heaven knows what his mood might have been. England without Ince. in Hoddle's eyes, does not bear thinking about.

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